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PEOPLE AND PLACES

MOBILE, Alabama: A jury Thursday convicted a former Ku Klux Klansman of complicity in the 1981 beating and hanging death of a black teenager killed at random to avenge the mistrial of a black man accused of killing a white police officer.

The all-white jury convicted truck driver Benjamin Franklin Cox, 29, of aiding and abetting in the murder of Michael Donald, 19, on March 21, 1981, by providing the rope used to strangle and hang the victim.

Cox, who showed no emotion when the verdict was returned, will be sentenced June 23 and he could get 10 years to life in prison.

Mobile county district attorney Chris Galanos said Donald's death resulted from a plot to kill a black person after the mistrial of a black man charged in the 1981 killing of a white Birmingham police officer. (UPI)

WASHINGTON: The US Supreme Court cleared the way on Thursday for a Florida teenager to have an abortion without getting permission from her parents or a judge.

The nine justices rejected an emergency request by a lawyer, who had been appointed as the legal guardian of the young woman's fetus, seeking to block the abortion.

The action upheld a Florida Supreme Court decision to allow the unidentified 15-year-old to go ahead with the abortion while it considers the constitutionality of a new state law requiring minors to get approval from their parents or a state judge before having an abortion.

The unnamed teenager, who is 12 weeks pregnant, had been afraid to ask for parental approval. She argued that she was mature enough to make her own decision to have an abortion. (Reuters)

CHICAGO: A Cook County grand jury refused to indict a man who disconnected his brain-damaged, comatose son from life support and held hospital workers at gunpoint until the boy died, authorities said Thursday.

Ruby Linares, 23, of Cicero was charged by the state's attorney's office with murder in the April 26 death of his 15-month-old son, Samuel.

But after the grand jury action, the state's attorney's office announced Thursday it would not prosecute the charge.

Linares pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of unlawful use of a weapon and was sentenced by circuit judge Robert Bestene to one year conditional discharge, meaning he will serve no time in jail, said Don McCallister, spokesman for state's attorney Cecil Partridge. (AP)

BIDDEFORD, Maine: A 12-year-old boy pleaded guilty Wednesday to murder and arson charges in a New Year's eve fire that killed his baby sister.

Scott James clutched a handful of baseball cards and frequently glanced at his attorney after changing his plea in district court.

Assistant attorney-general Eric Wright had originally charged the boy with juvenile charges of murder under three theories and agreed to dismiss two of the counts today in exchange for the guilty pleas.

James told Judge Alexander MacNichol that he started the fire that killed Raymond R. Lanza, 53, of Biddeford, after the prosecution's contention that he told his younger brother he wanted to see what it was like to kill the man.

Wright said the youth, who was 11 at the time, started the fire after Lanza caught him trying to steal some money from his wallet. The boy and his brother, Jesse, were staying in Lanza's apartment while their mother, Janet Sullivan, went to a pub with Lanza's son Basil.

The judge ordered James returned to the Maine youth centre in South Portland pending a May 30 disposition hearing.

Under the maximum sentence, James could be incarcerated until he is 21 but Wright told reporters he hopes something can be done to help the young man.

LOS ANGELES: James Earl Ray, the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was one of his former top aides were indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury on charges of racketeering going back to 1965.

The 12-count indictment against the Democrat was the first returned against a legislator since FBI agents searched the office of four lawmakers on the night of Aug. 24, 1968, ending a three-year investigation.

Also charged in the indictment was former aide Amed Jamarillo, now an attorney in private practice.

Neither Montoya nor Jamarillo was immediately available for comment. Montoya has long maintained his innocence.

The investigation was based on a sting operation by FBI agents posing as businessmen seeking help from legislators and their aides for special-interest bills on behalf of a bogus company set up by agents. (UPI)

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island: Dr. Leo Stern, a renowned physician who served as chief of pediatrics at Brown University and two affiliated hospitals, plunged 10 stories to his death on Wednesday.

Police said it will be up to a medical examiner to rule whether the death was a suicide. The medical



Wonder wonders

Stevie Wonder raises his glasses at a new waxwork figure of himself during a visit to the "Rock Circus" on Thursday. The "Rock Circus" devised by the Tussaud's Group, will comprise of waxworks and bionic moving figures and will show four decades of rock and pop music. (Reuters wirephoto)



'Global enemy'

PRETORIA, May 19, (Reuters): A white ex-policeman convicted of killing seven blacks in a shooting rampage in Pretoria said yesterday he saw all non-whites as a "global enemy".

Barend Strydom, 23, (right) used the term while being cross-examined in court under the gaze of a packed public gallery which included more than 20 blacks and several members of an extreme right-wing white group, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB, Afrikaner Resistance Movement).

Strydom smiled constantly during the proceedings, despite the fact that he faces a possible death sentence.

He is fighting the same battle that the first white settlers of South Africa fought against black tribes.

Strydom has been convicted of murdering eight blacks, including seven in a 20-minute shooting spree in central Pretoria last November, and of attempting to murder 16 others. His current testimony is a plea in mitigation.

Strydom has said he would repeat his action if he receives a suspended sentence.

Wheelchair-bound Geelboe Mabewa (left), a black, who was wounded during the rampage attended the hearing. (Reuters wirephoto)

examiner who conducted the autopsy on Stern was not immediately available for comment.

Stern, 58, fell from the roof of the main building at Rhode Island Hospital and was pronounced dead in the hospital trauma unit, officials said.

"Several interviews were done with people (at the hospital), but we are not going to get into it," said Providence police Capt. Bernard Gannas.

Rick Plesner, spokesman for the hospital, said there was a "great sense of shock and loss" hanging over the facility. "The sense of it is we are very surprised," he said. (UPI)

RANDOLPH, New York: Lightning struck and killed two members of a softball team as they sought shelter under a tree during a thunderstorm, authorities said.

The lightning, which struck on Sunday afternoon, also injured four people, who were released from a hospital after treatment, authorities said.

Making or unmaking of a drug addict

LONDON, May 19, (AP): Princess Diana, making only her second major speech on social issues, said yesterday that family life can either create the climate for addiction or give strength to those tempted by drugs or alcohol.

She told a National Conference on Drug and Alcohol problems that she had become "increasingly concerned by the effect on families of drug and alcohol abuse."

In a five-minute speech, which aides said she wrote herself, the princess said individuals can play an important role "in caring for all the casualties of our society."

"Very often, it is in the home that the climate for addiction is created and, equally often, it is in the home that its worst consequences are felt," she said.

"A stable domestic background where the simple duties of family life are shared and understood, can do much to strengthen those tempted to find refuge in drink or drugs."

Perilously

The princess, who is patron of Turning Point, the largest national voluntary organisation helping people with alcohol, drug and mental health problems, said addiction can strike "any who suffer stress in their personal or professional lives."

"Alcohol and drugs do not respect age, sex, class or occupation and the line between recreational use and creeping addiction is perilously thin," she said.

She reminded her audience that the majority of Turning Point's clients came from ordinary communities.

"Very few of them resemble the stereotype junkie or drunk. Most have — or certainly had — a normal family and working life. For many the tragic consequence of their addiction is that they have lost their jobs and hurt and confused their families," the princess said.

Ronald Reagan's humour and defence of freedom were compared to those of Winston Churchill as the former president received an award named for Britain's great wartime leader.

"I think I would put personal charm at the top of the list" of common denominators between the two men, Britain's Prince Philip said Wednesday night.

Before placing the silver medalion around Reagan's neck, Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, said the award was offered "in admiration of your outstanding gift of leadership, which helped the nation to regain its confidence, vigour and sense of purpose and to recapture the respect of foreign friends and adversaries alike."

The black-tie ceremony was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, with comedian Bob Hope as master of ceremonies.

Regan, 78, said he was humbled by the award. "Winston Churchill inspired us all. He was truly a great man. Few will ever be his equal. He seemed to instinctively understand man, government and the importance of freedom."

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I and my life: Gorbachev

MOSCOW, May 19, (Agencies): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said he first met his wife Raisa in 1951 while they were both students at Moscow University and married her in 1953. Today as the leader of the Soviet Union, according to published reports in Moscow yesterday, he earns a monthly salary of 1,200 roubles (about \$1,870).

The official Tass news agency said Gorbachev revealed these and other details of his private life for the first time in an interview with the monthly journal of the Communist Party central committee — itself a publication only recently revived since its suppression under Josef Stalin.

In excerpts of an interview with Gorbachev carried by an issue of the journal about to be published, the official news agency said Gorbachev's favourite hobby was walking in the woods.

It said his daughter, Irina, whose age was not disclosed, was married to Anatoly, a Moscow surgeon. Although his surname was and age were not disclosed, the report said they have two daughters, Xenia and Anastasia.

"I try to use my rare hours of recreation to the full," Gorbachev was quoted as saying. "I have many interests such as reading literature, the theatre, the cinema, music. My favourite pastime is rambling in the woods, but I must admit I can only manage to do this less and less often nowadays."

Like all American presidents and other Western leaders, wherever he goes, the Soviet leader has to be in constant touch with his staff. He said his private dacha or country cottage outside Moscow has a fully equipped military and civilian communications centre to cope with any contingency or emergency.

"Neither I nor members of my family have ever had privately owned dachas anywhere," he said. He added that royalties received from books such as "Perestroika" or articles and speeches published were donated to the party budget and charities.

Gorbachev said special communications had been used, for example in December last year when Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov contacted his motorcade in the heart of New York from Moscow to inform of the earthquake tragedy in Armenia.

Gorbachev said he and other 11 members of the ruling politburo each received monthly salaries of 1,200 roubles (about \$1,870). The eight candidate or alternate politburo members 1,100 (about \$1,600) per month, and central committee secretaries 1,000 (about \$1,470) per month.

He said he works almost non-stop, and finds it hard to take his mind off his official duties.

"Except for a few hours that are spent on sleep, all my time is given to my work and ... I must admit that my attention is concentrated on work even when I am on leave," he said.

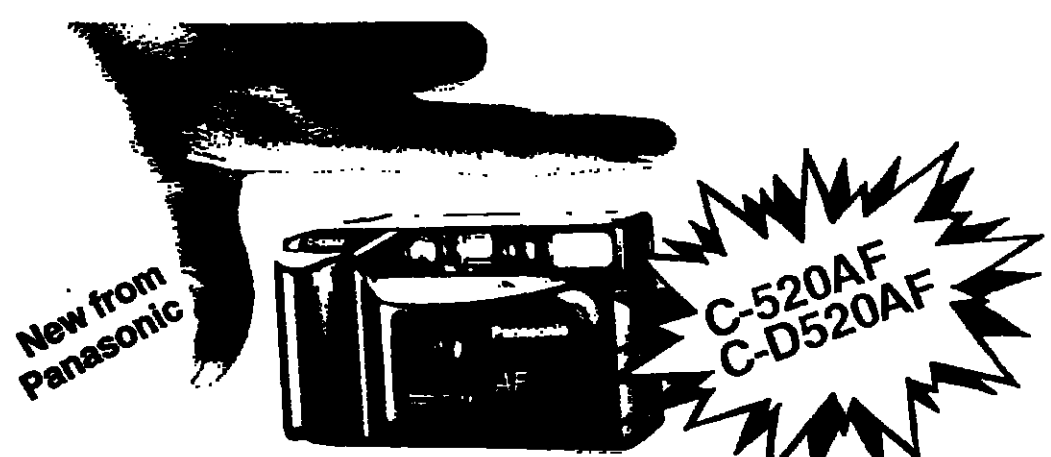
The son of a peasant family in the southern town of Stavropol, Gorbachev said he started helping out on the local collective farm from the age of 13.

Gorbachev said he was enrolled at the law department of Moscow University in 1950 and two years later joined the Communist Party.

It was while studying in 1951 that Gorbachev said he met his wife Raisa, a philosophy student from the Siberian town of Rubtsovsk, whose parents were railway workers. They married in 1953.

The future leader then returned to his native Stavropol, where he soon shifted to work in the local Communist Party.

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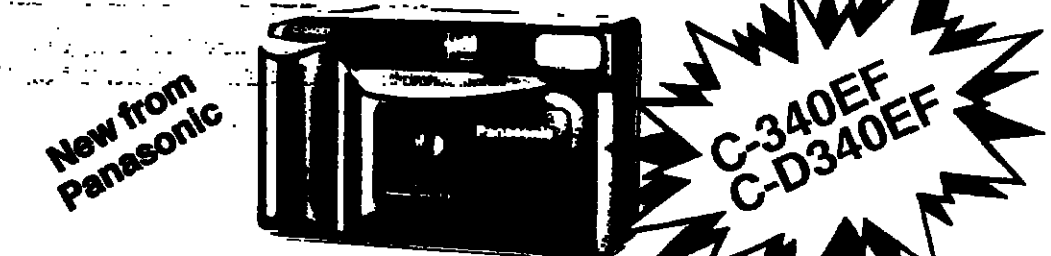


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Baldness and wrinkle

Elusive cures

CHICAGO, May 19, (Reuters): Two scientists yesterday announced bad news for balding heads and sun-wrinkled faces — minoxidil for baldness and Retin-A cream for sun-aged skin — are both far from proven, the researchers said in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Minoxidil's "ability to stop hair loss may be greater than its ability to grow new hair," said Jeffrey Dover and Kenneth Arndt of Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

"Enthusiasm for this treatment seems to be exceeding its demonstrated clinical effectiveness," they added.

Of Retin-A, they said, more studies are needed, consumer excitement has outweighed results and it is premature to prescribe it for skin ageing. Minoxidil, marketed by Upjohn Co under the name Rogaine, was the first baldness treatment ever approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which regulates the drug industry.

The agency warned that the drug would not work for everyone with male pattern baldness and that tests had found it did not work at all in about two-thirds of cases.

Retin-A, made by Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp, a unit of Johnson and Johnson, has been approved by the FDA for use against acne, but not to reduce wrinkles. Last December the University of Michigan researcher whose study 12 months earlier touted Retin-A as a wrinkle reducer, said new tests had affirmed its usefulness.

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Health plans in Britain opposed

LONDON, May 19, (Reuters): Britain's doctors pledged on Wednesday to fight government plans they said would fragment the state-run National Health Service and damage patient care.

Doctors at a special meeting of the British Medical Association voiced fears the government was putting cash before patient care in its campaign to streamline the vast health service bureaucracy and curb costs.

They voted overwhelmingly to oppose the scheme and urged doctors not to co-operate but said they would not strike and patients would not suffer.

"The government is trying out untested, unknown and unworkable proposals, because they were cobbled together without consulting the people who actually work in the health service and without consulting patients," BMA chairman John Marks said.

The Conservative Party government, branded by critics as uncaring on health and welfare issues, unveiled sweeping plans last January for a health service "internal market" where self-governing hospitals would hire their own staff and set prices.

Family doctors would have limited budgets to buy drugs and larger practices would be given budgets to "shop around" for the best available hospital treatment at the cheapest cost.

Marks appealed to Health Secretary Kenneth Clarke to "calm down and slow down."



Iffland is holding a poster, distributed across the country. (Reuters wirephoto)

Campaign against violence

'Break the silence'

SYDNEY, May 19, (Reuters): Thousands of Australian women are battered in their homes but the growing problem is surrounded by what Prime Minister Bob Hawke calls a conspiracy of silence.

Launching a national campaign against the attacks last month Hawke said: "Domestic violence is a widespread and deep-rooted problem in the Australian community."

"Yet too often the rest of the community has stood quietly to one side—turning a blind eye and a deaf ear."

Most of the victims do not speak out through fear or shame and no precise statistics on the extent of the problem are available, Hawke said.

"What evidence we do have is depressing."

Domestic violence has reached an appalling extent within the Australian community, said Hawke.

The government has allocated \$1.6 million for the campaign, whose main theme is "break the silence."

Churches, community organisations, trade unions, political groups, educationists, medical, nursing and legal organisations and the police have all pledged support for the national effort.

"It is a long time away before our society changes its well entrenched attitudes and recognises that women have equal place," said campaign official Bernadette Iffland.

"We started as a mostly male convict settlement only 200 years ago. Women were

brought in to serve men. That probably has a big bearing on what we are now."

Battered women and their children flee their homes every day to overcrowded refuges and shelters in New South Wales and its capital, Sydney, according to social workers in Australia's most populous state.

"If I missed a speck of dust on the TV or stereo he would hit me," one woman at a refuge said.

"He would strangle and punch me in the face if I answered back. To make him stop I have to say sorry, or I love you, about 100 times."

A recent government survey shows one in five Australians condones using physical force against a partner.

MEDICAL FILE

■ **Cancer Killer:** Lung cancer is becoming as big a killer of women as breast cancer because more women are smoking, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said on Thursday.

The WHO said in a report covering 22 developed countries that the number of women dying from lung cancer was on the rise, even as the male death rate from the disease was starting to fall. In some countries like Japan lung cancer was already killing more women than breast cancer.

Noting that tobacco companies are increasingly targeting women in aggressive promotion campaigns, the WHO is countering with a World No-Tobacco Day on May 31 that will focus special attention on the perils faced by women smokers.

"Women are subject to all the risks that apply to men, but in addition, run other specific risks to their sex," Dr Eileen Crofton, former director of Scotland's Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), said in a report for the WHO.

■ **AIDS Vaccine:** An AIDS vaccine is unlikely to be found soon and may not be discovered this century, the head of the World Health Organisation's AIDS programme said on Thursday.

Jonathan Mann said the prospects of a vaccine were distant and some scientists believed one would not be found this century although some were being tested by US, French and Swiss teams.

"There is no evidence that we are about to produce one," he told the annual meeting of the UN agency's 166 member nations.

Mann said between two and three times as many people may become infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in the 1990s than were infected during the 1980s.

WHO estimates the number of HIV-infected people worldwide in 1988 at between five and 10 million.

■ **Gene Location:** Scientists have found the approximate location of a gene that causes an often crippling brain disorder that affects at least 100,000 people in the United States and Canada, it was reported.

Researchers said they identified a "genetic marker" for dystonia, an important step to possibly finding a way to treat the mysterious, debilitating movement disease.

"It's a big breakthrough. For this disease it's probably the only breakthrough they've had," said Dr Alexandra Breakefield, an associate geneticist at the Massachusetts General Hospital who led the research.

"In this disease you haven't had any clues. This is really the first thing that's happened that provides a foot in the door," said Breakefield, also an associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School.

OAS wants transfer of power in Panama

Noriega cheered as he reappears

PANAMA CITY, May 19, (Agencies): Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, in his first public appearance since violence-marred elections brought calls for his ouster, was cheered yesterday by about 1,000 supporters but said nothing in return.

The beaming defence forces chief, wearing a white "guayabera" tropical shirt and gray pants, did not address the crowd at the government's Atlapa Convention Centre.

The United States and the Organisation of American States have demanded Noriega give up his de facto control of Panama's government in the wake of the nullified May 7 elections and violence that followed.

When reporters asked how many years he could continue in power, he laughed, and said: "That's a good question."

His admirers changed, "The people united shall never be defeated," and "Noriega, for sure, hit the Yankees hard." He waved back at them.

The government nullified the presidential elections, which the opposition and government candidates both claimed to have won, after Noriega supporters beat up the opposition candidates.

Foreign observers claimed the elections were rigged to give victory to the government candidates but that opposition candidates actually had a 3-1 victory margin.

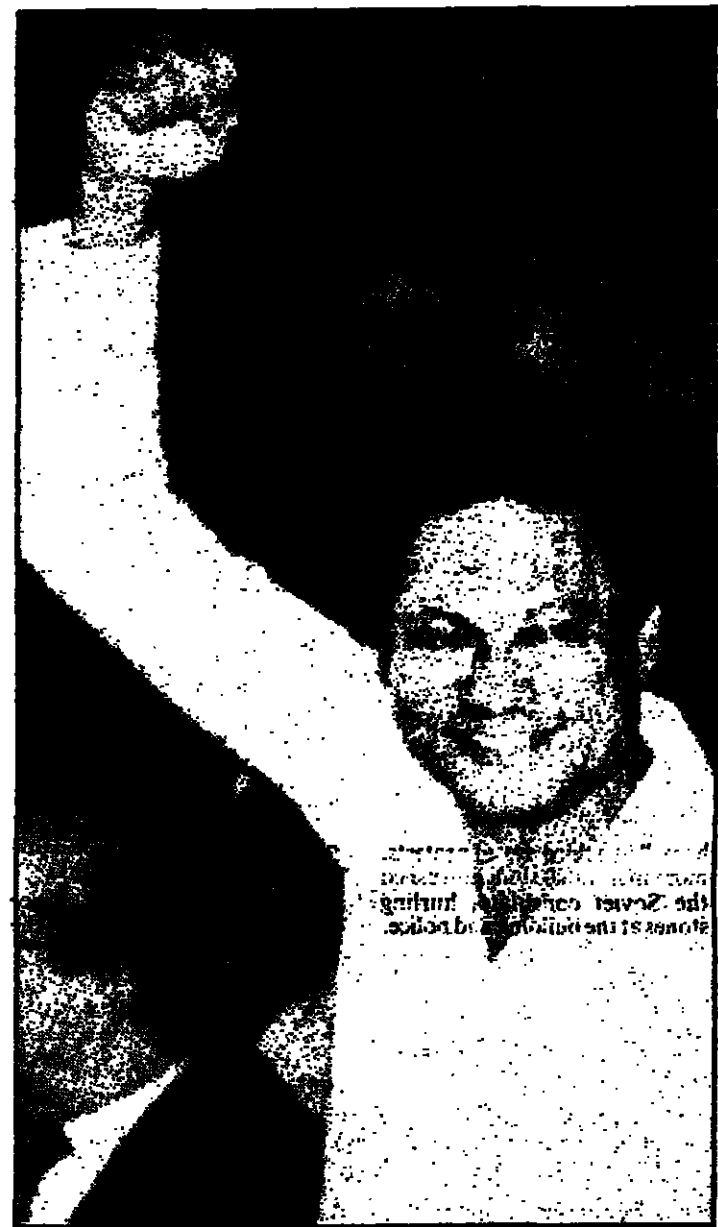
Official media said yesterday that the Organisation of American States, in its meeting Wednesday in Washington, had neither the right nor authority to negotiate a change in Panama's government or Noriega's departure.

At a special meeting Wednesday night in Washington, the OAS foreign ministers said power should be transferred through democratic means in Panama. They left the details to a mediation team consisting of the foreign ministers of Guatemala, Ecuador and Trinidad and Tobago.

Senior US officials met with Latin American diplomats yesterday to discuss strategy for dealing with Noriega if he refuses to co-operate with OAS mediators.

US officials in Washington said the administration of President George Bush is prepared to urge stepped-up pressure on Noriega if he ignores the OAS call to give up power.

Also yesterday, Luis Anderson, a member of the nine-member directorate of the Panama



Noriega acknowledges applause from supporters.

Canal Commission since 1983, resigned to protest what he said was government brutality and violations of civil rights.

In his resignation letter to acting President Manuel Solis Palma, he condemned "the actions of your government against civilians and opposition leaders, whose peaceful protests were met with savage and bestial use of force."

The directorate comprises five US citizens and four Panamanians.

Panamanian Foreign Minister Jorge Ritter promised on Wednesday that his government will co-operate fully with the mediators, but there was little expectation in Washington that negotiations will go smoothly.

Opposition leaders interpreted the OAS resolution as a

demand for the departure of Noriega.

Those who oppose Noriega in Panama have been unable to keep sustained pressure on him and US sanctions have not driven him out. Washington began trying to get rid of Noriega after he was indicted last year on US drug charges he denies.

The US troops in Panama have been authorised to smash through barricades, if necessary, to move military vehicles along the Panama Canal waterway, government sources confirmed yesterday.

"As the President said last week, the troops are there to protect our rights under the Panama Canal Treaty and one of those rights is the right to free and unrestricted passage," one US source said.

Pinochet will be asked to stay on

SANTIAGO, May 19, (UPI): The Army has agreed to ask President Augusto Pinochet, the general who took power in a 1973 coup, to stay on as commander of the Army after he leaves the presidency next year, a top officer said yesterday.

Gen. Jorge Zincke, vice-commander of the Army, told reporters that at a recent meeting of generals and unit commanders, the officers agreed Pinochet should remain as their commander.

"Now it is up to him to make whatever decision in that respect," said Zincke, who in effect is Army commander while Pinochet occupies the presidency.

"The Army supports him and whatever decision he makes."

His statements came the day after a poll released by a centrist political think tank showed that 60 per cent of Chileans want Pinochet to retire from the Army once he leaves office.

Pinochet, 73, has said he will stay on as commander when he leaves the presidency March 11, 1990.

Waves of troops raid Karen base

Burmese assault

MAE SOT, Thailand, May 19, (Reuters): The Burmese Army poured waves of troops and a 20-hour artillery barrage at a Karen camp to try to clear the last guerrilla resistance on a key trade route across the Thai border, rebels said today.

Exhausted fighters, their eyes glazed, made their way to the Thai side of the river and spoke of waves of Burmese troops armed only with grenades and knives kicking their way through barbed wire towards the Karen bunkers.

"They just come in waves as if intoxicated," one said. "They make easy targets."

They said 700 lightly armed Karen insurgents helped by disident Burmese students and fighters from the Wa minority withstood the assault by up to 4,000 Burmese troops.

But Karen military officials said the Army, driving northwards after overrunning another base on Tuesday, was putting

immense pressure on Komura camp, which is tucked into wooded hills overlooking a bend of the Moei River.

"If we had artillery we wouldn't care about the Burmese assault," Lieutenant Saw Santus said last night. "But with their big guns they are like men fighting boys."

The Army has been fighting for 40 years to crush the Karen and other ethnic groups seeking autonomy.

Thai military officers and onlookers, who watched the battle from the Thai side by standing on car roofs and on hills, saw through the night a relentless barrage accompanied by bursts of small arms fire and rising smoke.

The military government in Rangoon, looking for cash to finance a revival of its collapsed economy, has made a fierce drive during the current dry season to clear guerrillas from the trade routes with Thailand.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Visa for AIDS victims

WASHINGTON, May 19, (AP): Foreigners with AIDS will be allowed to seek 30-day visas to enter this country on business, attend conferences or visit relatives, the Justice Department said yesterday.

New regulations to be issued by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service allowing such travel were drafted following last month's dispute over the detention of a Dutch AIDS patient en route to a conference in San Francisco on the deadly disease, said department spokesman David Runkel.

Runkel said AIDS patients will not be granted tourist visas but would be allowed to apply to enter the country for 30-day periods to attend conferences, obtain medical treatment, visit relatives or conduct business.

Skull reattached

PHOENIX, May 19, (AP): Surgeons reattached a 10-year-old boy's skull to his spine after his head was nearly pulled off in a bicycle accident.

Doctors said they are confident Timothy Mathias of Glendale will regain most of his faculties and walk out of the hospital. He was listed in serious but stable condition yesterday at St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Centre.

Polio-free by 2000

The World Health Organisation's annual assembly has approved a plan for eradicating the world of polio by the year 2000, a goal aimed mainly at developing countries.

Only 60 per cent of the world's children are currently immunised after six major childhood diseases including polio, though the rate is up from five per cent in the mid-1970s, according to WHO.

Following success, early targets are for the Americas to be certified polio-free and the transmissions of the virus to be stopped in Europe and the Western Pacific by 1995. WHO also expects "significant advances" by then in many African and Middle East countries.

Media ban

LONDON, May 19, (Reuters): Britain's high court reserved judgement on Wednesday on an attempt by six journalists to overturn a government ban on broadcast interviews with Irish guerrillas and their supporters.

The journalists alleged during a two-day hearing that the ban was illegal and draconian.

Trains collide, 23 die

MAPUTO, May 19, (UPI): Two trains collided in the Mozambique province of Zambezia, killing at least 23 people and injuring 48 others in an accident blamed on bad maintenance of the rail line. Radio Mozambique reported yesterday.

The radio said the accident occurred about five miles (eight km) outside the town of Mocimboa on Wednesday morning when a train moving from the provincial capital Quelimane collided with a train carrying stones and some 500 passengers en route to the provincial centre.

Fighting on plane

DAR ES SALAAM, May 19, (Reuters): A Soviet airliner flying from Angola to the Soviet Union was grounded at the Dar Es Salaam airport yesterday after fighting erupted in mid-air, the Transport Ministry said.

Sources close to the Tanzanian government said the plane was carrying 174 members of the African National Congress (ANC) black nationalist guerrilla movement to Mozambique for training and the fighting was believed to have been a hijack attempt.

Left out

ATHENS, May 19, (Reuters): Agamemnon Koutsouras, a close ally of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu and until recently one of Greece's most powerful men, was omitted yesterday as a ruling Socialist Party candidate in June 18 national elections.

Koutsouras, Papandreu's personal lawyer and one of his closest political allies for 25 years, virtually ran the government when the prime minister was rushed to Britain for heart surgery last August.

Murder trial

ATHENS, May 19, (Reuters): The trial of 28 gang members accused of killing elderly people and forging their wills to steal their money and other assets has opened at an Athens top-security prison.

Police said the trial began on Wednesday night.

Wright battered

WASHINGTON, May 19, (Reuters): Jim Wright, embattled Speaker of the US House of Representatives, was battered yesterday by a report the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was conducting a criminal investigation of his financial affairs.

The Los Angeles Times report added to the intense pressure on Wright, who is fighting House ethics committee charges that his financial dealings broke House rules.

Prison deaths

MEDELLIN, Colombia, May 19, (Reuters): Thirteen inmates and three prison guards were killed yesterday in an attempted jailbreak in the northern Colombia city of Medellin, a police spokesman said.

Police Lieutenant Cesar Araque told Reuters the escape bid began with explosions in the Bolivarista jail, one of Colombia's biggest prisons.

Parents beaten

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, May 19, (AP): Soldiers beat the grieving parents of a boy who was fatally run down by a car driven by the army commander in the northern port city of Gonaves, a Port-Au-Prince radio station said yesterday.

The Roman Catholic church's Radio Soleil also said the soldiers beat bystanders and a reporter who came to cover the Wednesday night accident.

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Missile issue France opposes early dialogue

PARIS, May 19, (UPI)—President Mitterrand says he supports the US stand against early negotiations on short-range nuclear weapons but also agreed with West Germany that there should be no rush to modernise the missiles in Europe.

"I am among those who believe that the time has hardly come where it would be possible to talk about a third zero-option," meaning the removal of short-range missiles from Europe, Mitterrand said yesterday when asked about the NATO rift over the missiles issue.

Mitterrand was asked about the missiles debate during a news conference at the Elysee presidential palace two days before leaving on a North American trip that includes weekend meetings with President Bush at his home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

West Germany has been campaigning for early East-West talks to reduce short-range missiles, while the United States and Britain want to keep NATO's short-range Lance missile launchers in West Germany and possibly modernise the weapons system.

Mitterrand said while he did not support early negotiations on removing the short-range nuclear forces, there also was no need to rush into modernisation of the Lance missiles in Europe before 1992, when they start to become obsolete.

The French President prefaced his answer about short-range disarmament by saying that the issue is not of direct concern to France, which withdrew from NATO's integrated command in 1966.

"It is currently under internal discussion among nations belonging to NATO's integrated command," he said. "We are members of the Atlantic alliance, we participate in the military alliance, but not in the same manner as the others."

"The debates between the British and the Americans and the Germans are debates belonging to that organisation. We are not involved, but we can give an opinion."

The missiles issue is expected to be a key topic at the May 29-30 NATO summit in Brussels, Belgium.

"I think that the United States, Germany, Great Britain and the others will allow for a time of reflection because there is no technical urgency," Mitterrand said.

Gorbachev, who is scheduled to meet Mitterrand in Paris this summer, said May 11 he will remove 500 Soviet short-range nuclear warheads from Europe and proposed that troop levels on both sides be set at 1,350,000 by 1997.

Mitterrand pointed out that Gorbachev's unilateral proposal involved only about five per cent of the Warsaw Pact's short-range forces and still left the Warsaw Pact with many more of the missiles than NATO.

In Bonn, Defence Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg's meetings in Washington have produced a compromise in principle between Washington and Bonn on how to resolve the dispute over short-range missiles, a senior government source said today.

The US government has agreed to support the concept of negotiations to reduce short-range missiles based in central Europe in return for West German assurances at next week's NATO summit that the talks would not be aimed at total elimination of those weapons, the source said.

Gorbachev's proposal for East-West parity in six military categories in Europe was formally submitted yesterday by the Warsaw Pact to the conventional arms talks in Vienna.

President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua says his country continues to receive arms from the Soviet Union, contradicting Gorbachev's statement that military shipments have stopped.

The news conference, Mitterrand's first formal meeting with the media in three years, also covered French initiatives in the Middle East.

Muslims and Tamils clash in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, May 19, (Agencies)—Indian troops shot and killed a Muslim and wounded nine others when a mob of 1,000 Muslims threw stones at Tamil homes in eastern Sri Lanka, officials said today.

The shooting occurred yesterday during a funeral procession to bury four Muslims who were stabbed to death a day earlier in Muttur, across the bay from the port city of Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

Lankan military officials said. Muslims blamed Tamils for the stabbings.

At least seven people have died and more than 200 homes and shops have been set ablaze in five straight days of Muslim-Tamil clashes in eastern Sri Lanka, according to Sri Lankan military officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A spokeswoman for the Indian high commission, or

embassy, said she was aware of trouble in Muttur and other districts but had no details.

The violence has erupted along a 135-kilometre (85-mile) stretch of seacoast down eastern province, where the population is about equally divided among Muslims, Tamils and Sinhalese.

"The situation is very tense, but Indian troops and Sri Lankan policemen have imposed curfew and are patrolling the

villages," Mohamed Ashraff, a Muslim member of parliament, said when contacted by telephone at Sammanturai, 42 kilometres (26 miles) south of Batticaloa.

He said more than 15,000 Muslims and Tamils have taken shelter in schools, mosques and temples since the clashes started on Monday.

Meanwhile Tamil students in northern Jaffna peninsula today

ended a five-day strike called to protest the death of a classmate, who was allegedly slain by an Indian-backed militant group because of reports written by his journalist father.

Officials said thousands of pupils from high schools and the university on the peninsula 250 miles (400 km) north of Colombo planned to recommence classes, ending the boycott staged since

the May 15 killing of Ahilan Tiruchelvam, 19.

Sinnadurai Tiruchelvam, editor of Jaffna's leading Tamil-language newspaper named Murali, said he had been told by the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) not to write about ongoing peace talks between their rivals, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), and the government.



Patients suffer

A 14-year-old cancer patient is comforted by his mother as he waits in sweltering heat outside one of New Delhi's hospitals where junior doctors are on indefinite strike. The boy is one of thousands of patients hit by the strike. (Reuter wirephoto)

Police disperse march in Poland

Protest at Soviet presence

KRAKOW, Poland, May 19, (UPI)—Shouting "Soviets go home" in a third day of protests, more than 1,000 students rushed the Soviet consulate, hurling stones at the building and police.

Police using water-cannons and batons dispersed the unruly crowd, which protested Soviet troop presence in Poland, said witnesses and PAP, the official news agency.

At least 27 people, seven police officers, were injured in the melee yesterday, officials said.

Cars were destroyed and benches overturned as the students put up four barricades and threw stones and bottles at police in repeated skirmishes throughout the city that also protested police treatment of demonstrators on two previous days of protests.

Representatives from the recently re-legalized Solidarity trade union attempted to negotiate between authorities

and students, many of whom were members of the Federation of Fighting Youth, a radical offshoot of Solidarity.

Authorities said the police would withdraw only after the 1,000 youth dispersed, while the protesters demanded the police retreat as a precondition.

Witnesses said the events began with a rally by 300 people from the illegal "freedom and peace" pacifist movement in the main square to publicize the events of the previous two days.

There are up to 50,000 Soviet troops stationed near Legnica in southwest Poland and in the northern part of the country. Authorities announced on Wednesday some would be withdrawn, but did not release exact figures.

The youths, chanting "down with communists" and "zomo (riot police)—gestapo," staged a march under the banner of the illegal Independent Students Union.

Fan mail for Khashoggi One month in jail

BERN, May 19, (AP)—Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi arms dealer and financier once reputed to be the world's richest man, yesterday completed his first month as prisoner 67931 in a Bern jail, with a US extradition demand imminent.

Since his April 18 arrest in the Swiss capital, Khashoggi, 53, has swapped his jet-set lifestyle for a mundane prison routine, which includes cleaning the toilet in his cell.

If he remains jailed for another month, which seems likely, legal and medical fees and the cost of keeping his entourage in a nearby hotel could total 600,000 Swiss francs (\$353,000), according to the Swiss tabloid Blick.

Khashoggi was arrested on a US warrant charging he helped ousted Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda hide riches stolen from the country.

A US federal prosecutor said Tuesday that the United States would send a formal extradition request to Bern by the end of the week.

Zocover said Khashoggi's health was "O.K." His doctor, Daniel Nicole, declined comment.

The financier reportedly had come to Bern for medical treatment and to lose weight.

Swiss officials said Khashoggi, jailed pending a decision on his extradition, does not receive preferential treatment.

But Blick, which has reported almost daily on the Bern prison's most famous occupant, said Khashoggi enjoys perks.

The newspaper said Khashoggi is free to choose the time and content of his meals, which often include poultry, vegetables and fruit, and are delivered by a Mercedes 500 from the luxury Schweizerhof Hotel where he was staying when arrested.

Meanwhile, the tabloid said, sackfuls of mail have been delivered for Khashoggi, including love letters from admirers around the world and correspondence from businessmen taking advantage of the entrepreneur's new address to make contact with him. All letters have to be screened by prison officers.

Throw out Roh, Kwangju Day call

KWANGJU, South Korea, May 19, (AP)—Tens of thousands of protesters burned effigies and called for the overthrow of President Roh Tae-Woo and the expulsion of US troops yesterday as they marched in at least 11 cities to mark the anniversary of the bloody 1980 Kwangju uprising.

Dissident leaders claimed a turnout of 130,000 people in Kwangju. Most South Korean press reports estimated the crowd at 100,000.

Students, townspeople and opposition supporters paraded after a rally in front of Kwangju's provincial government headquarters to cheer dissident leaders denouncing Roh and the United States for suppression of the 1980 uprising.

Effigies representing Roh and other senior generals who commanded the Army at the time were burned as the protesters beat drums and chanted "Punish Roh Tae-Woo," "Yankee go home" and "Drive out the Yankee imperialists."

Thousands of people also joined in marches, protests and religious services in Seoul and at least 10 other cities. In addition, news reports said about 40,000 students turned out for rallies at 87 campuses nationwide.

A message from opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung that was read to cheering crowds warned that right-wing forces were plotting to reimpose authoritarian rule over South Korea.

Most protests were peaceful, but radical students in the southern city of Chonju hurled firebombs at a government party office and clashed with riot police who tried to disperse about 2,000 marchers. Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, reported. About 20 people were injured, Yonhap said.

Dissident leaders said today they would appeal to human rights group Amnesty International if the government refuses to perform a new autopsy on a student activist they claim was killed by police.

Taiwan to have new premier

TAIPEI, May 19, (AP)—Lee Huan, the popular secretary-general of the ruling Nationalist Party, has been chosen to succeed conservative Yu Kuo-Hua as premier of Taiwan, newspapers reported today.

Government officials declined comment on the reports, which said the 31 members of the party's policy-making central standing committee would discuss the appointment at a regular meeting on Wednesday.

Loyalist troops capture Asmara

Coup attempt in Ethiopia fails

NAIROBI, May 19, (Agencies)—Loyalist Ethiopian forces recaptured the vital northern city of Asmara and appear to have broken the most important remaining base of a military revolt against President Mengistu Haile Mariam, Western diplomats in Addis Ababa said today.

Persistent unconfirmed reports said however that supporters of the four-day-old coup bid were in command of government forces in the eastern city of Harer, and of the northwestern centre of Gondar.

Mengistu appeared on Addis Ababa Television in full military regalia yesterday evening to announce the defeat of the coup plotters in Asmara, where an estimated 150,000 troops are deployed in a war against separatist rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

"The Second Revolutionary (government) Army which stood firm has today crushed the traitors who mutinied against their leadership and has brought the situation under full control," Mengistu said in a 10-minute address that blamed the revolt on "misguided element."

Western diplomats reached in Addis Ababa confirmed that loyalist forces recaptured the Asmara radio station from coup backers and used it to broadcast "government propaganda" for several hours. The station went off the air but came back on during the evening, a diplomat said.

Government air traffic controllers were also back in control of the Asmara airport by this morning, according to radio intercepts in Nairobi.

The Asmara Radio said Second Army commander Demisie Bulto, leader of the northern revolt, had been killed by loyalist troops. Several other generals were reported to have died.

The fighting in Asmara broke out after the EPLF's clandestine radio proclaimed a two-week unilateral ceasefire and offered "all necessary support" to the renegade factions of the northern command, which with about 150,000 troops comprises half the Ethiopian Army.

One diplomat said the battles may have been a backlash against co-operation with the Eritrean rebels, who have been fighting socialist government for 28 years.

The focus of the revolt shifted Wednesday to the northern command in Asmara after loyalist forces secured the capital in 24 hours of street battles and artillery duels.

EPLF spokesman Tesfai Ghermazien, contacted in Washington, said the Asmara Radio reported early yesterday that government forces had come over to support the coup in Gondar, where more than 20,000 troops are stationed, and that the entire eastern command of 70,000 to 80,000 troops based in Harer also had defected.

Addis Ababa radio confirmed the shooting death of Defence Minister Haile Giorgis Habte Mariam when he walked in on a meeting of the coup plotters Tuesday at the Defence Ministry in Addis Ababa.

The radio said another coup plotter, Industry Minister and former General Fanta Belai, was arrested after being discovered yesterday hiding in a storage bin outside the Defence Ministry.

Foreign Minister Berhanu Bayhit told foreign diplomats and journalists in Addis Ababa that the government was firmly in control after Tuesday's failed coup. Ringleaders included the armed forces chief of staff and the commander of the Air Force, both of whom were killed.

Berhanu gave no details of those arrested on suspicion of collaborating in the coup.

The official Ethiopian news agency said today the second-in-command of Ethiopian forces in Eritrea, Major-General Kumelachew Dejen, was on the run after joining the coup attempt in Addis Ababa.

Armed forces Chief of Staff Merid Negusie and Air Force commander Amba Desta were shot dead by loyalist troops in Addis Ababa on Tuesday.



Suicide by fire

A demonstrator burnt himself to death outside Taiwan's presidential building on Friday as thousands of protesters took part in a funeral march for a leading dissident. Witnesses said the man doused himself in petrol and ran in flames towards the presidential building, ringed by barbed wires and hundreds of police in riot gear. About 6,000 people took part in the funeral march for dissident journalist Cheng Nan-jong who committed suicide in April by setting off firebombs at his office when police came to arrest him on sedition charges. (Reuter wirephoto)

Beijing under ...

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This minority aimed to destroy the socialist system, Li said. He accused them of forming illegal organisations and trying to create an anti-communist opposition party.

They have damaged production and social order, and our country's international reputation," he said. "They have even launched attacks on comrade Deng Xiaoping who has made great contributions to our reforms."

The 84-year-old Deng, China's senior leader, has been a particular target of the anti-government demonstrators who have called for his retirement.

Television cameras panned through the hall where the meeting was held, but there was no sign of Zhao the leading reformist in the party's five-member politburo.

Student leaders on Tiananmen Square, and some Chinese journalists, said earlier they believed Zhao had offered to resign from the politburo, but this could not be confirmed.

Residents reported troops poised on a main street near the city centre and said some were entering the downtown by subway. A student who ran to the student protesters encampment on central Tiananmen Square from the west said he saw 10 to 15 trucks immobilised in the street by residents.

Protesting students in the square who heard the martial law announcement said they were going back on a hunger strike they had suspended today and would stay in the square. No troops had arrived in the square more than an hour after the broadcast began.

The protesters drowned out Li's address for several minutes by singing "The Internationale."

the song of the world communist movement, then began chanting, "Li Peng, step down."

On Tiananmen Square, focus of vast demonstrations for democracy that disrupted the visit by Gorbachev and sparked sympathy marches across the country, protesters said they would not resist soldiers sent to end the unrest.

But one convoy of 100 Army trucks carrying some 4,000 men was blocked in a western suburb by around 10,000 people chanting "Don't let them through" and passing pro-student posters along their sides as the young soldiers looked on impassively.

The moves came after nightfall at the end of a day which the Beijing leadership began with a bid to convince the students and their supporters to give up their protest.

Li and Zhao, regarded as the top conservative and the leading reformer in the party's five-man inner cabinet, went to the huge square just before daybreak. Zhao, with tears in his eyes, appealed for reason.

At the end of Gorbachev's visit, a joint communique was issued. It says in part:

● The two sides agreed that the Sino-Soviet high-level meeting symbolised the normalisation of relations between the two countries.

● The two sides agreed to take measures to cut down the military forces in the area along the Sino-Soviet boundary to a minimum level commensurate with the normal, good-neighbourly relations between the two countries.

● The two sides stated that neither side would seek hegemony of any form in the Asian-Pacific region or other parts of the world.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Successor?

Politician Toshio Komoto, leader of the smallest faction of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party emerges as a candidate successor to outgoing Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita. (Reuter wirephoto)

Assault charge

WINDHOEK, May 19, (AP)—Five members of the South African-led security forces will appear in court next month, one charged with murdering a civilian and the others on assault charges, a United Nations official said yesterday.

Cedric Thornberry, a senior spokesman for the UN forces that is monitoring Namibia's transition to independence, said UN police monitors have received numerous complaints from civilians about assault and intimidation by security force members.

Benazir's visit

UNITED NATIONS, May 19, (KUNA)—Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan will pay an official visit to the United States early next month, her country's permanent UN representative S. Shah Nawaz said today.

Shah Nawaz is retiring in mid-June following the prime minister's visit which has been scheduled for June 5-10. He has been in his post for seven years.

Benazir will spend the last day and a half of her visit in New York to meet with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the Pakistani community in New York.

Ferry accident

DHAKA, May 19, (AP)—The roof of an overcrowded ferry collapsed under the weight of passengers, killing seven people and injuring 50, police said today.

More than 100 people had scrambled onto the roof last night as the double-deck ferry left Dhaka for Talata, 16 kms (10 miles) south of the capital, the police said.

Tropical storm

MANILA, May 19, (UPI)—Tropical storm Brenda swept out into the South China Sea yesterday after a destructive rampage across central Philippines that left 19 people dead and 45 others injured, officials said yesterday.

Packing peak winds of 68 kph, Brenda was heading toward Hong Kong and was expected to intensify further as it approaches the area, the Manila Weather Bureau said.

Deadly storms

DALLAS, May 19, (AP)—More rain fell in the saturated southern United States after deadly storms unleashed more than 20 tornadoes across Texas, shattering one town and forcing hundreds to leave their homes in low-lying areas.

One Tornado killed a woman, and four people were swept to their deaths in swollen creeks. The body of the fifth victim, a 12-year-old boy, was found in a creek west of Emma yesterday. Fifty people suffered storm-related injuries.

Mudslides kill 30

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 19, (AP)—Rescue workers searched chest-deep mud through the night for victims of rain-triggered mudslides which ripped through shanty towns in the mountainous city of Salvador and killed at least 30 people, fire department officials said.

In the outlying slum neighbourhood of Calçada, torrential downpours caused a mudslide late last afternoon which swallowed five homes and killed a mother and her four daughters, fireman Trindade de Santana said.

Sikh attack

AMRITSAR, May 19, (AP)—Two more people died of wounds today, raising the death toll to 10 in an attack by Sikh gunmen on Hindu shoppers in the village of Gehari Mandi, a police official said.

Five Sikhs attacked the village marketplace yesterday, separating Hindus from Sikhs and spraying the Hindus with automatic rifle fire, residents said earlier.

Armenian rally

MOSCOW, May 19, (AP)—Thousands of Armenians, braving police opposition, staged a rally in their capital of Yerevan to demand freedom for imprisoned activists and parliamentary action on the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, a local journalist reported.

About 40,000 people took part in the two-hour protest in front of the Matenadaran, Yerevan's library of ancient manuscripts, said Ram Ananian, deputy director of the official Armenpress news agency, said in a telephone interview.

Webster warns of nuclear proliferation

WASHINGTON, May 19, (Reuter)—The spread of nuclear weapons and the missiles to carry them is an increasing threat to all nations, especially developing countries, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Webster warned yesterday.

"Nuclear proliferation combined with the spread of chemical and biological weapons and the missiles to deliver weapons of mass destruction have the potential to place many regional conflicts on the brink of catastrophe," Webster told the Senate government affairs committee.

By the year 2000, at least 15 developing countries

will be producing their own ballistic missiles," Webster said.

"Iraq appears to have doubled the range of its Soviet-supplied Scuds by reducing the amount of high-explosives in the warhead. That technique brings Tehran and Tel Aviv within strike range."

Iran, claims to have produced its own ballistic missile with a range of 200 km (125 miles), he said. Libya, Egypt and Syria all have Soviet missiles and Israel, India and Pakistan can produce or are producing their own medium or short range missiles, Webster added.

'World's oceans are rising one-tenth of an inch annually'

WASHINGTON, May 19, (UPI)—Scientists provided evidence yesterday that the world's oceans are rising about one-tenth of an inch annually and said it may be an early sign of global warming caused by man-made pollutants.

University of Toronto researchers said their study of measurements from 470 sites around the world show "a nearly globally uniform" sea level rise during this century that "might be characteristic of one caused

by climatic warming."

Though the study did not examine sea levels after 1970, one of the researchers, Mark Tushingham, said he expects oceans still are rising at a similar rate. "There is no reason why it should be otherwise," he said.

In the past, some observers have used tide gauge records to conclude the global sea level has risen four to eight inches (10 to 20 mm) since 1900. But that position has

been attacked by many scientists because there are few gauges in southern oceans and the degree of change varies widely among areas of the world.

It is known carbon dioxide and other gases generated by cars, forest burning and other human activities trap solar heat like a greenhouse, and scientists generally expect higher pollution levels to increase the "greenhouse effect" making earth warmer.



Mohammed Zein (left) talks to President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

NAM meeting in Harare

Mideast conference only solution: Osaimi

HARARE, May 19, (KUNA): Kuwait's State Minister of Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Saoud Al Osaimi said here yesterday that an international conference that assures lasting and just peace, based on guaranteeing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people is the sole way toward resolving the Middle East crisis.

Speaking before the co-ordination bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), currently in session here, Osaimi indicated that while Kuwait believes that the Lebanese problem should be resolved by Arabs and Lebanese, it views as necessary the international backing for such a solution, particularly toward implementing UN resolution in this regard.

He affirmed that the Israeli presence on Lebanese soil is a key cause for the ongoing dilemma in Lebanon, urging the international community to seek the implementation of UN Resolution 425, calling for Israel's pullout from south Lebanon.

On the Gulf conflict, Osaimi expressed Kuwait's relief over the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran and efforts by UN chief Javier Perez de Cuellar toward a full implementation of Security Council Resolution 598.

However, he displayed concern over the stalemate in the current peace negotiations between the two countries, adding "what worries Kuwait and peace-loving countries is the

delay in the exchange of prisoners, taking into account that it is a sheer humanitarian issue."

The Kuwaiti state minister called on the international community to spare no effort in clamping economic sanctions, particularly an oil embargo, on the white minority rule in South Africa, stressing Kuwait's efforts in this respect.

He emphasised the need to realise a just international economic system, praising HH the Amir's call on creditor countries to extend a helping hand to heavily indebted nations.

Osaimi called on NAM states to stick together, praising Zimbabwe's chairmanship of the movement and expressing confidence in Yugoslavia's capability of steering NAM's affairs for the coming three years.

Osaimi also saluted the Palestinian uprising, affirming that this revolt has put Israel "between a rock and a hard place."

He quoted some verses of HH the Amir's address before the 43rd session of the UN Security Council last September saying "didn't you fight for your independence and driving out invading armies out of your lands and resisted in secret and public with all courage until you achieved your independence. Why then do you deny youths, women and children who found nothing but stones to express their legitimate rights and refusal to live under Israeli repression."

N. Yemen helps Palestinian revolution

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the interest of international peace," Saleh said.

The President categorically denied that the PLO has been paying money to North Yemen every year for facilities North Yemen is providing to the PLO. He described such opinions as totally baseless and fabricated propaganda.

"North Yemen provides help and assistance to the Palestinian revolution because it is its national duty to do so. Palestinians in Yemen are accorded treatment akin to their own

homeland," Saleh said.

He also denied that Palestinians are present in some islands, adding that such news is circulated only by circles which are enemies of the Arab nation. Israeli arrogance is not only directed against Yemen, but to all Arab countries, Saleh said and added that North Yemen is prepared for any eventuality.

Asked about obstacles facing the progress of unity between the two Yemens, Saleh said: "There are no obstacles on the road to Yemeni unity. 'Everything can be overcome by any of the two Yemens,' he added.

"However, we can say that

there are differences in views about the manner in which such unity should be achieved. He denied that North Yemen's becoming a member of the Arab Co-operation Council, (ACC) can be a substitute for the unity of the two Yemens.

He added, North Yemen joining the ACC can never be obstacle for Yemeni unity. "We believe that Yemeni unity is an essential step towards the path of Arab unity," Saleh said.

The President also denied that North Yemen joined the ACC simply because it was not invited to join the GCC. "We should not turn such a great work like the

establishment of ACC into the theory of action and reaction," Saleh said.

"All the GCC states have welcomed the establishment of the ACC, exactly as we and other Arab countries welcomed the creation of the GCC. All these efforts are directed for the benefit of Arab unity. Leaders of the ACC have agreed that the general secretary of the council should be an Egyptian."

Saleh said that there is no evidence that the war between Iraq and Iran may resume. But he added that the failure to sign a peace agreement will remain a source of disturbance to all.



Aida Al Mehanna



Haitham

Kidney transplant patients overjoyed

A dream come true

KUWAIT, May 19, (KUNA): Two kidney failure patients are now leading a happier life, trying to bury awful memories of the dialysis machine after receiving new kidneys in separate transplants made possible when a donor was found.

The two patients, a Kuwaiti mother of eight children and a Palestinian teacher 25 years of age, spoke to KUNA yesterday about the agonies of having to put up with frequent trips a week to a hospital for dialysis until a donor was found after years of waiting.

Their sufferings came to an end when parents of a dying Pakistani youth agreed to donate his kidneys.

The Kuwaiti mother, Aida Al Mehanna, and the Palestinian teacher who identified himself as Haitham, received a kidney each in Hamed Al Issa Centre for Kidneys and Organ Transplants on May 7.

They were selected from a group of five patients for the transplants after tests had shown that their blood and tissues matched those of the donors who

greatly reduces potential for rejection.

Aida developed kidney failure eight years ago and had since undergone dialysis three times a week.

She heartily thanked the donor's family and prayed for his soul, she told KUNA. "I don't want to see the dialysis machine again in my life," she added.

Haitham had the failure four years ago and received treatment for two years before his two kidneys stopped functioning completely and he had to have

dialysis, he said.

He said it felt like a dream when the Hamed Al Issa Centre called him to tell him a donor had been found and that he was a candidate recipient. "I emerged a new man from the operating room after the transplant, he told KUNA.

Haitham said he could not thank the donor's family enough and hoped that donation of organs of those who meet sudden death would become more frequent as to save as many lives as possible."

Provisional approval

Six new cities on the drawing board

By Jamal Amin

THE Kuwait Pearls project aims at providing Kuwait with other 25,000 houses and residential plots, distributed in six coastal cities, the minister of state for municipal affairs announced today.

Mohammad Al Refai said that the proposed six coastal cities in the project will be constructed in accordance with state-of-the-art international engineering systems. The project will be a comprehensive one with complete services and utilities. He described the project as "the future cities of Kuwait."

The minister added that Kuwait Municipality has finalised steps essential to begin work on the project. The minister added that the six sites of the proposed cities are: Doha, Shuwaikh, Mangaf, Abu Halifa, Bunsaidir in addition to Subbiya. Al Refai added that the Council of Minister provisionally approved the project which was also studied by the Higher Committee for Kuwait's Master Plan.

The minister said that the companies participating in the execution of the project will bear all costs of establishing the public utilities and services and that the cities will include all necessary utilities like restaurants, clubs, mosques, markets besides roads, schools, municipality and fire centres, electricity, post and others.

About the Subbiya city, Al Refai said that the municipality is carrying out a comprehensive study on the execution of some

programmes to link the city with Kuwait City through a causeway. He said that studies are underway to link the proposed Shuwaikh and Doha cities (pearls) through marine causeways. He said that the studies and the establishment of such causeways must be in line with Kuwait's Master Plan.

Al Refai said that the first proposal to establish cities was made as early as 1971 when two sites, Kheiran in the south and Subbiya in the north of the country were suggested, mainly to absorb the expected surplus in the population.

A recent study on the population showed that the surplus population (those who can not be accommodated in existing cities) will be between 921,000 to 1.2 million by the year 2010. He added that the study proposed the distribution of that surplus to Kheiran with 300,000 and Subbiya with 250,000.

Al Refai added that a number of studies were completed on Subbiya city since 1983. The studies included the specifications of the soil, preparing maps and others. Detailed plans and maps were completed in 1985. The consultant presented his final reports on the city in 1988. Kuwait Municipality submitted all the studies and reports to the country's Master Plan and Great Projects Committee by the end of last year. The committee approved the reports and the municipality began necessary preparations to construct the Subbiya city.

Incentives for students may end

DIRECTOR General of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Mubailan has said that the authority is studying design concepts for its new headquarters to be located in the Shuwaikh area.

The authority is studying the feasibility of discontinuing monthly rewards provided to students which is being given as an incentive to encourage them to join certain majors in their studies, Rahman said.

He added that in co-operation with the Public Authority for Agriculture, the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training will offer a new major for students desirous of graduating in irrigation engineering.

Meanwhile, the Director of Society Service and Continuous Education Department at the authority Ghuloum Al Attar has said that the department will

start receiving applications of Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis for the summer session of programmes of society service between May 20 and 25. Applications will be received from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm and from 4 to 8 pm at the authority's diwan in Dasman Complex in Sharq area.

He added that the authority will offer various practical and theoretical studies such as car mechanics and related electrical works, TV and video maintenance and repair, AC, tailoring (girls), swimming (girls), computer and English as well as other programmes. The students should be over 18 years old and be able to read and write. The summer session will start on June 3, Mubailan said.

In a related development the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Abdul-Rahman Al Hudari has said that private institutes are licensed to offer training and cultural programmes — not intensive courses.

Action Line

CAN I get a visa for my mother? She is 55 years old. We are both — husband and wife — working in the public sector and meet the required salary margin.

J.M.F.
THE present rules do now allow for calling parents on dependent visas or on a domestic visa. And, Mr. J.M.F. we cannot advise you to circumvent the law. Such a step can have serious repercussions for you. It is not advisable to break the law. A domestic visa can be obtained for the purpose it is intended — to obtain home help. We understand the anguish you may feel about not being able to have your mother with you. But when someone decides to work in a foreign country, one must abide by the law of the host country. However, as you say you "meet the required salary margin," why don't you try to bring her on a visit? A visit visa is valid for a month.

I'M a maid working with the same employer for five years. I want to apply for another job so that I can earn more than what I am getting now. My problem is that I've asked twice for permission from my madam, but she will not allow me to go.

What can I do? Is it right to ask permission from my madam's husband? How will I ask for the release? I don't know the term in Arabic. My madam is holding my passport. Please help me.

C.J. Jamana Qadalya
OUR lawyer Mr. Khaled Taher said that the private sector law does not cover domestic servants. It is advisable to seek your employer's permission to seek a new job. If they let you go willingly, you'll have no difficulty in getting a release from them. The term is "tanazzul" (tanazzul) in the Arabic language. We think you should talk to both your madam and her husband, preferably in a friendly manner. You can also ask your embassy to talk to your employers.

I'M presently employed with a British family. My visa was issued before the new Labour Law came into effect on March 22, 1989. Am I affected by the new law? Can I get a release from my employer? Do they have the right to forcibly send me back to my country, when, in fact, I was hired locally?

My conditions of employment are not satisfactory. I requested my employer for a release, but they told me I must work for them for three years. I need your immediate advice.

Lyn Salmi
HOUSEMAIDS are not covered by the new Labour Law that came into effect on March 22, 1989. In fact, there is no law that they come under. So, to start with, it does not apply to you. As you have been hired locally, you can seek a new job provided someone sponsors you. Our lawyer, Mr. Khaled Taher, consulted by us, said that an employer cannot withhold the passport of an employee. Mr. Taher said a passport is a "personal, private document" and must be in the possession of the person it has been issued to. It is better if you talk to your employer, both madam and her husband, and request them to improve your salary and provide satisfactory working conditions. If this is not possible, you can request them to give you a release in a friendly manner.

OUR passport was stamped by the Ministry of the Interior, saying that an absence of six months outside the country will nullify the visa. Is there any law or decree in Kuwait that grants a company's request to give another month's extension when the visa of their employee has been cancelled due to overstay?

Fuma
AN official of the Department of Immigration said that a company can get permission for its employee, provided that the company can provide documentary evidence for requesting such an extension. For example, if an employee has been sent abroad for a training programme or higher studies, documentary proof of such studies must be provided when applying for an extension. If an employee is sent outside Kuwait to another branch of the company he is working for, then proof of the existence of such a branch must be given. If these conditions do not exist, then a person's visa is cancelled. When a visa is cancelled, a person has to re-apply for a fresh work permit, which is granted by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

I AM a bank employee and my wife is working as a secretary in one of the newspapers in Kuwait. We are from India. We would like to bring a servant from India to look after our child. Can we bring a servant from India? What are the documents that must be submitted to obtain a servant visa?

K.N. Tharakan
LAST year, the Indian Embassy in Kuwait stopped attestation of a visa for Indian maids. So, in principle, you cannot bring an Indian housemaid. The Department of Immigration also restricts the issuance of a domestic visa to a person of the same nationality. For example, an Indian person can't sponsor an Indian national as a maid.

To sponsor a maid, both husband and wife must be working, which applies to you. You must submit copies of your passport with a valid residence; a photocopy of your Civil ID card; and a salary certificate. The Department of Immigration holds the right of accepting or rejecting an application.

MY wife and I have a valid residence permits under article 18 and work in the same office. My wife left for India to have a baby and is about to return to Kuwait with the infant. Can the child enter Kuwait on a visit visa? Is there a minimum salary requirement for registering the child in my wife's passport in Kuwait?

Ramkumar
YOU can bring the infant on a visit visa to Kuwait; and within a week of arrival, you must try to get a residence for him/her. To our knowledge, there is no salary requirement for registering a child's name in a mother's passport; a child's name is included in the passport not by the immigration department but by your embassy, in this case, the Indian Embassy. However, inclusion of an infant's name on a mother's passport does not mean that the infant has got a Kuwaiti visa. The child's name must be included on a mother's visa as well. An official of the Department of Immigration, contacted by us, said that if both parents are working in the private sector, a father can sponsor the child.

I'M interested in applying for a visit visa for my sister and brother-in-law who are working in Bahrain. Is there a minimum salary for a person to be eligible to obtain a visit visa? What is the procedure to apply?

J.D'Souza
VISIT visas are now being issued. In principle, there is no minimum salary requirement. A visa application is examined on its merits, decided by the immigration authorities. A visa application form is available at any immigration office — in Hawalli, Shuwaikh or Fahaheel. You must fill it out and submit a copy of your Civil ID card, a salary certificate; your passport with a valid visa; passport copies of the visitor's and a set of three photographs each; and any additional document asked by the immigration official.

If you have a query, need clarification of rules pertaining to immigration, communications or any other matter, or need advice, drop in a line to Action Line, PO Box 2270, 13023, Safat, Kuwait; or fax your questions to 484-7495.

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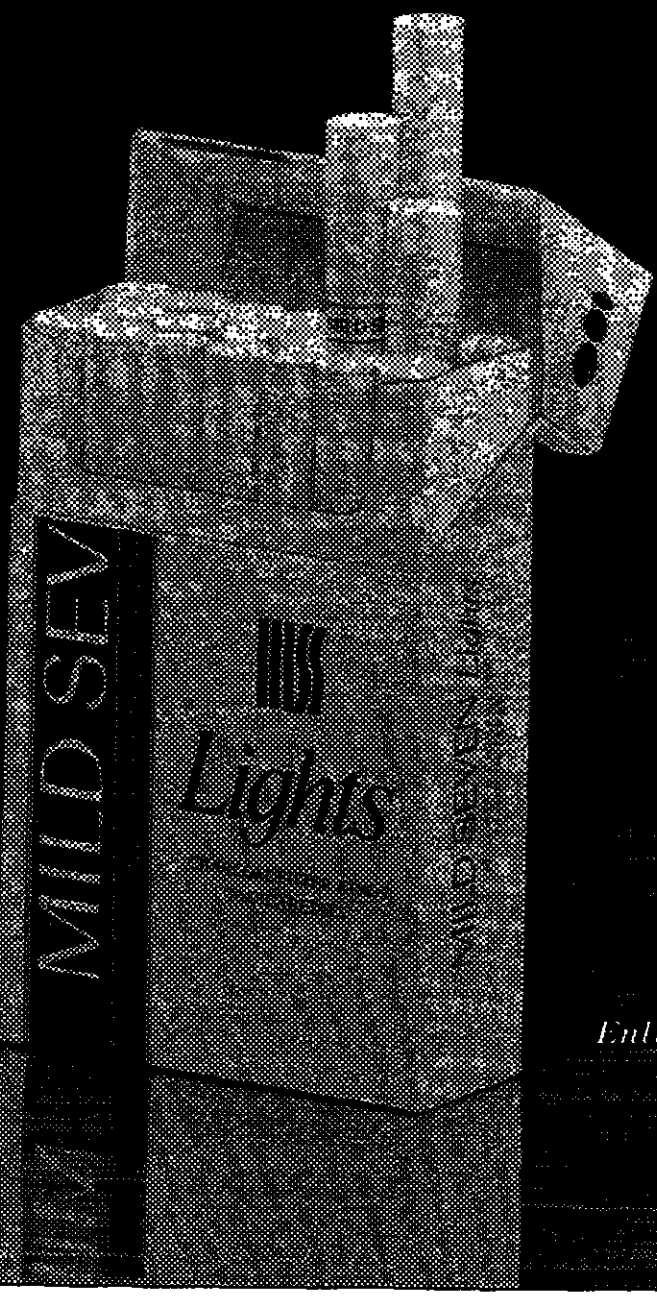
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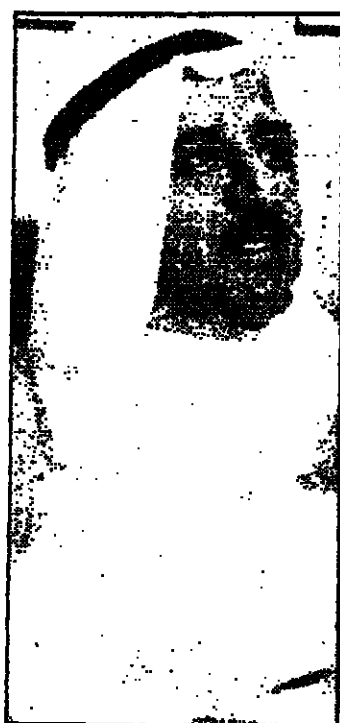
Kuwait committed to Lebanon solution

Climax next week

KUWAIT, May 19, (Reuters): Kuwait, spearheading the most-determined Arab initiative on Lebanon in a decade, is keen to add the 14-year-old civil war there to a growing list of regional settlements around the world.

Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Sabah has from the start been deeply involved in efforts to end the fighting between Christians and Muslims and to untangle the political legacy that set them at each others' throats.

His efforts climax next week when a six-nation Arab League committee he heads presents its conclusions to an emergency Arab summit that begins in Casablanca, Morocco, on Tuesday.



Sheikh Sabah

"I think he saw an opening," said one Western diplomat. "The situation in the area is very different than it was 14 years ago. There has been progress recently in solving regional disputes throughout the world."

Sheikh Sabah's committee meets in Casablanca on Saturday to put the finishing touches to its proposals, which aim to set Lebanon on the road already being travelled by Namibia, Afghanistan and Cambodia.

The draft proposals include steps toward political reform of Lebanon's Christian-dominated political system and the dispatch of a force of 300 Arab observers led by a Kuwaiti commander to monitor a ceasefire.

"There are important consequences for the Arab League

and for Lebanon," said one diplomat. "The thing that is significant is that this (meeting) is the top of the ladder."

"If it were to succeed it would be one of the Arab League's biggest successes... if it failed it would really question the Arab League's ability to handle contentious problems," he added.

Sheikh Sabah, a brother of Kuwait's Amir and the world's longest-serving foreign minister,

was a driving force behind the first Arab League initiative in Lebanon when Kuwait troops joined an Arab peacekeeping force sent to the country in 1976.

Kuwait was also one of four countries on an Arab League disengagement committee that for several years doggedly tried to end the fighting.

His latest Lebanon mission, begun in January, has been punctuated by some of the fiercest fighting in the entire civil war, with more than 350 people killed.

But he pressed on with fact-finding meetings with various Lebanese factions, never losing sight of the longer goal of political reform to concentrate merely on getting a ceasefire, which took effect last week.

Sheikh Sabah, born in 1929, received much of his education from private tutors. He was appointed foreign minister in 1963, shortly after Kuwait became independent from Britain.

He has at various times acted as minister of finance, interior and information and was appointed deputy prime minister in 1978.

When Andrei Gromyko left the Soviet Foreign Ministry in 1985, he became the world's longest-serving foreign minister.

Diplomats said Sheikh Sabah had set for himself a formidable goal, with the Lebanon crisis appearing intractable as ever.

"Obviously, for whatever reason, he has taken the matter to heart," said one Western diplomat.

Health minister visits wounded

KUWAIT, May 19, (KUNA): Kuwait's Public Health Minister, Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq Thursday called on wounded Lebanese nationals receiving treatment at Kuwaiti hospitals.

The 71 civil war victims, who were flown to Kuwait Wednesday night as part of Kuwaiti humanitarian aid, had been immediately admitted to the Al Sabah, Ibn Sina and Al Razi hospitals.

The health minister was accompanied in the visits to the hospitals by two envoys of Lebanon acting Premier Selim Al Hoss, Dr Abdallah Al Ajouz and Rafiq Saadeh as well as the directors of the three hospitals.

Razzaq told the Lebanese casualties that in offering them treatment Kuwait was doing what it felt was part of its national duty and he wished them a quick recovery.

The Lebanese acting premier's envoy, Dr Abdallah Al Ajouz, told KUNA the wounded were very grateful for the kind gesture of Kuwait and that they have been impressed by the friendly welcome they received in Kuwait.

Ajouz, however, hoped that other Arab countries would soon follow Kuwait's example in lending such support to efforts aimed at salvaging Lebanon and ending its 14-year-old ordeal.

He paid tribute to His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, for the humanitarian aid to Lebanon.

Ajouz also reserved praise for Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed who leads an Arab League com-

mittee trying to end the bloodletting in Lebanon.

"He shares our sufferings and is trying with us to solve our problem," he said of Sheikh Sabah.

The 71 Lebanese patients, accompanied by 25 of their relatives, were flown from Damascus airport aboard a specially-equipped Kuwaiti Boeing 747.

They were ferried by ambulances Wednesday from Muslim-dominated West Beirut to a Syrian border point where they were received by Kuwait's Ambassador to Syria, Ahmed Al Jassam, the Kuwaiti Commander of the Arab Observer Force Brig. Ali Al Momen and a Kuwaiti medical team who travelled from Kuwait for the purpose.



Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzaq greets a wounded Lebanese national on his arrival at Kuwait airport.



An injured Lebanese child is rushed to hospital

Improved service

NHA to distribute new units

KUWAIT, May 19, (KUNA): The National Housing Authority has announced that it will start the distribution of new residential units in a few localities to the entitled applicants.

The authority announcement yesterday said that houses in Qurain and Fintas areas will be allotted to those whose applications had been registered by the authority up to 1/2/1981, while possession of apartments in Sabah Al Salem and Swaber areas will be given to those who had applied up to 1/3/89.

The authority has asked the concerned applicants to contact the related department at the authority to finalise the necessary formalities.

Director of the department of follow-up and rented housing at the National Housing Authority, Subhi Yousef, has said that the department is constantly endeavouring to improve its public services.

He told a local paper that the citizen's office service will commence as of next week in co-operation with the department and the authority's public relations department.

He said that this service will facilitate the citizens by speeding up procedures and remove the obstructive measures involved in the preparation of memorandums and receipt of houses turned over to the department for various reasons.

ITU meet to hear Kuwaiti viewpoint

KUWAIT, May 19, (KUNA): Communications Minister Abdulrahman Al Sharhan leaves here Saturday for Paris leading Kuwait's delegation to the 13th conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), scheduled for May 23-30 in the Mediterranean port city of Nice.

Sharhan told KUNA that he would deliver a speech on Kuwait's viewpoint regarding the field of telecommunications.

He said the conference would reconsider the international telecommunications agreement with the view to converting it into two separate documents: a constitution and a charter.

He explained that the first document would be difficult to amend in future while the charter would be subject to regular amendment by the upcoming conferences of the ITU's representatives.

Sharhan noted that the Nice conference would discuss introduction of the Arabic lan-

guage as a working language since it had been used as an official language in previous conference in 1982.

The minister said the conference is also due to consider increasing of appropriations earmarked for development projects in developing countries.

Community centre promoting progress

THE Community Service Centre at Kuwait University presents several scientific, arts and literature courses for all society groups.

A local daily interviewed Dr Rasha Hmoud Al Sabah, the university vice-rector for community service and information who explained that the centre was established in 1976. It includes one department, three sections and two divisions with a total of 26 employees.

"The centre aims at assisting society members in accomplishing self progress and training while serving different society establishments," she said. Sabah added that in addition to these objectives the centre strives to assist in the development of studies and society's problems in order to establish further economical, social and cultural developments.

Students usually spend a three-month period while studying courses. An entire academic year is two courses long in addition to a summer course which is shorter than the ordinary course and is more comprehensive.

Sabah added the centre lacks lecture halls, due to the fact that it lacks an independent building. Weak media coverage of the centre has kept society members unaware of the activities and courses offered. Due to administrative shortages and centre is not able to organise a wider list of activities, the official added.

She said that future plans include some projects on preparing new financial and administrative policies and publishing a series of cultural and social publications and booklets through the teaching staff at the university.

The centre works in co-ordination with the Information Ministry towards conducting several documentary and scientific programmes, Sabah said.

Research needed

School health reviewed

THE Fifth Nursing Week called for co-ordination among the national health and educational authorities for drawing up a joint formula aimed at developing of school health services.

On conclusion of the five-day meeting held under the auspices of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah representatives called on the authorities concerned to explain the objectives of the school health programmes and its effects on the development plans in Kuwait.

Representatives also called for establishing a specialised division to graduate necessary cadres specialised in school health and to pay more attention to applied research in educational and health problems.

The week which adopted "school health" as its slogan this year has called for qualifying the nurses and health supervisors working in the schools through the intensified training courses.

It also called for spelling out job descriptions commensurate with the new comprehension of school health. Authorities concerned should review the non-nursing jobs undertaken by the nurses, representatives said.

A related study in this respect disclosed that non-nursing jobs undertaken by nurses accounted for 50 per cent of the nurses time.

The study which had been supervised by the Director of Nursing Services Mariem Al Raqom and the Head of Nursing Staff at Al Sabah Hospital Shadya Al Hakeem said that the secretarial jobs were among one of the jobs undertaken by the nursing staff, a local daily reported.

The study called for employing assistant nurses to meet the shortage in the nursing staff and to enhance health services.

Local food increasing

CHAIRMAN of the Union of Agricultural Co-operative Societies Barak Al Noun has said that local agricultural production meets more than 40 per cent of local needs. The balance is imported from other Arab and non-Arab countries. Most of these imports are cucumber, tomato, potato and other kinds of vegetables. Local production is increasing and meets a large part of the country's needs. The state is exerting every effort to achieve self-sufficiency, Noun said.

"Encouraging the growth of local agricultural products is considered a national duty," Al Noun said and added that national agricultural products are better than imports.

National produce is fresh and contains more vitamins and other nutrients which are adversely affected by cooling or being kept for a period of time as in

imported foodstuff.

Imported vegetables and fruits need three to seven days to reach hands of consumers in Kuwait, he said.

Al Noun pointed out that the union adopted a new system to market agricultural products to ensure that vegetables reach consumers quickly. The union also offers packages and cartons to farmers at reasonable prices. It has also established two centres for gathering and collecting the agricultural products from farmers in Abadi and Wafra.

The union offers refrigerated vehicles to transport vegetables from these centres to the markets and co-operative societies. The union gives priority to the national products at the co-operatives in different areas.

It also works to establish a market for the local agricultural products at every governorate and in the areas that are crowded, Al Noun added.

New encyclopaedia

Jasser urges spread of Islam

JEDDAH, May 19, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Awqaf (endowments) and Islamic Affairs Minister Khaled Ahmed Al Jasser has urged for further co-operation among Muslim states to promote means of Islamic dawa (call) to spread Islam's doctrines and teachings.

Addressing the fourth conference of the OIC endowments and Islamic affairs ministers here Thursday, Jasser said a building a proper life is governed by sincere and true belief in the almighty God and the holy faith.

Preaching Islamic principles on a global level is among the basic objectives of the Islamic call that should reflect the true face of Islam which sought a solution to human sufferings, he said.

"Muslims must work for creation of good communities that could set examples to others in all walks of life whether social, political, economical or moral," Jasser stated.

He called for co-operation among bodies and institutions in charge of Islamic dawa in OIC member states "to relay Islamic teachings to other nations all over the world."

He added that plans and programmes should be formulated to organise Islamic activities, particularly in non-Muslim societies, and he suggested that a specialised body be established to draw up such plans to ensure the success of the call.

Jasser highlighted Kuwait's efforts for promoting Islamic call activities referring to cultural projects currently under preparation by state's concerned departments and institutions.

He mentioned in this respect the Holy Quran dictionary and the Islamic World Encyclopaedia which HH the Amir ordered to be compiled before the end of this year.

Jasser said the encyclopaedia will be a comprehensive reference and would cover historical, geographical, demographic, educational, social, health and food aspects of Islamic states.

He said the project would be completed in the last quarter of this year and would be the gift of HH the Amir, the current chairman of the OIC, to the Islamic world.

The conference is due to resume deliberations today on a number of various issues topped by anti-Islamic threats.



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Thought for today

THE one serious conviction that a man should have is that nothing is to be taken too seriously — Samuel Butler, English writer (1835-1902).

Strongman Lee getting the elbow

Power transition in Singapore

By Ong Beng Chuan

THE man who aspired to be a journalist but became a politician "by default," first Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, is taking over the reins of government from legendary "strongman" Lee Kuan Yew.

Although Lee, 65, retained his post as prime minister following the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) resounding victory in the last general elections last September, he has not been playing an active role in running the government for some time, leaving the task to Goh.

In asserting his new leadership role, Goh told the new parliament when it sat for the first time earlier this year:

"The initiative of government would be with me, and I would set the direction and pace of policies, and the prime minister would just preside over the cabinet like the chairman of a large corporation."

Chosen

"The members of the cabinet were chosen by me and we are in charge of the day-to-day running of the government, not the prime minister. He chairs cabinet meetings and gives us the benefit of his experience. However, we settle the policies."

"My (cabinet) colleagues and I are therefore answerable for the performance of this government, not the prime minister."

"If members have any question intended for the prime minister on the actions and conduct of this government, they should address them to me," he said.

Lee, the world's longest serving prime minister, had said he would be expecting what he described as "a gentle nudge by a firm elbow" before he actually made his formal exit, most likely in late 1990.

The founder-leader of an island republic which won independence from the British 30 years ago, Lee is a highly regarded statesman with an immense grasp of world affairs.

"Lee Kuan Yew is, by any yardstick, a rare and outstanding leader in the world," a visiting publisher and editor from Taiwan praised following her recent interview with the prime minister here.

Lee's dynamism and bold vision has turned Singapore from an under-developed island at the tip of the Malay Peninsula into a thriving, orderly and clean island state in three decades.

With a booming economy, Singapore has become the world's busiest port, an Asian financial centre and a centre for international conferences. Its capital income is about \$7,900, second only to Japan in Asia.

Asked why he thought political observers outside Singapore had labelled him "a strongman," Lee replied:

"When the Western press disagrees with my policies, they refer to me as a 'strongman', meaning an authoritarian figure or a dictator."

Ignore

"They ignore the fact that at regular intervals, every four to five years, I have been re-elected to office for a total of eight times since 1959 by clear majorities of over 60 per cent, and sometimes over 70 per cent of the electorate."

"To achieve this, I have to follow a steady and consistent line. It takes me into a 'strongman', so be it."

Lee's apparent bespectacled successor stands about six feet tall and still maintains an athletic figure at 48.

Goh told a recent school reunion dinner that "30 years ago, I could not imagine myself being a politician. I was not clear as to my own ambition. I did aspire to be a journalist, but never a politician. The thought never crossed my mind."

"It became a politician by default — not my default."

On the smooth transition of power, Goh commented:

"I appreciate this not because I am receiving the bath of government from Lee Kuan Yew, but because by their (Lee and former cabinet colleagues) actions they have ensured Singapore of continued stability and growth for another generation."

"Singapore prospers only because of exceptional leadership. Without a strong and exceptionally competent government, Singapore will not survive as a nation."

On his different style of government, Goh said:

"I have not reacted in the same way as the prime minister who is quick to put down any opposing view point. In that sense, I'll have more tolerance. I'll listen to them. I prefer consensus-building instead of contention. I am prepared to listen. And, if you are right, I am prepared to reshape my policies thoroughly."

Goh said he is confident of the feedback he is getting through official channels and thinks the feeling that people fear to speak up is really a myth.

"If what they say is true," he said, "they should not fear."

Reservations

Goh has acknowledged Lee's reservations about his own style of government and said "he (Lee) has tried to persuade me and he has given up because he has also learned that human nature can't change. He's tried to persuade me that the way to govern is to be like him."

Goh said that while prime minister Lee's firm-hand style "bristles", he is prepared to find out what is wrong and work out a consensus.

On his relationship with prime minister Lee, Goh said:

"I respect the prime minister. He is the father of Singapore's independence. I regard him as an elder in the family."

He said Prime Minister Lee would remain as a senior minister after handing over the baton to him. "We regard him as our asset," he added.

Making an unusual comparison between Prime Minister Lee and his successor, retired senior minister S. Rajaratnam said Goh has the flexibility of steel while Lee was like titanium. (Kuma, Singapore).

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1506 — Explorer Christopher Columbus dies in Spain.
- 1631 — Flemish Count Tilly's imperialist army sacks Magdeburg in Germany, causing heavy carnage and almost complete destruction by fire.
- 1799 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte abandons siege of Acre, defended by Turks.
- 1882 — Italy joins Austro-German alliance, which becomes triple alliance.
- 1917 — French forces in Champagne, France, mutiny in World War I.
- 1920 — Mexico's President Carranza is assassinated, is succeeded by Adolfo de la Huerta.
- 1927 — US aviator Charles A. Lindbergh begins solo flight across Atlantic Ocean.
- 1929 — Japanese troops evacuate Shanghai.
- 1943 — United States and Britain ratify treaty abolishing extra-territorial rights in China.
- 1964 — France's President Charles de Gaulle proposes international conference to restore peace and neutrality in Indochina kingdom of Laos.
- 1967 — Communist MiG planes challenge US jets over North Vietnam, and US pilots claim five, possibly six, MiGs are shot down.
- 1971 — Nine Soviet Jews on trial in Leningrad are convicted of anti-Soviet activity and wounding 40 people.
- 1974 — Libya and Soviet Union conclude agreement for increased trade and Soviet weapons aid to Tripoli.
- 1983 — US President Ronald Reagan's administration lifts nearly year-long embargo on sale of advanced F-16 fighter planes to Israel, imposed after Israel invaded Lebanon.
- 1984 — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher vows that violence will not win in Britain's 10-week-old coal strike where confrontations have sparked 2,700 arrests, 300 reported injuries and one death.
- 1985 — Three Israeli soldiers are exchanged for 1,150 Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners in a simultaneous swap at Geneva airport and the Middle East.
- 1988 — About 9,000 security men begin raiding hideouts of suspected Sikh radicals in three districts in India's troubled Punjab state.

Beijing movement latest turn in communist world

Bell tolls for old-style communism

By Robert Evans

"AFTER all this," said a senior Soviet journalist in Beijing last week, "Nothing in our countries can ever be the same again."

His arm circled in a broad gesture as banner-waving Chinese students demanding political reform surged down the avenue of eternal peace to applause from hundreds of onlookers.

"Democracy is now on the offensive here as well as at home. The order our old leaders thought they had imposed for ever is collapsing."

With tens of thousands of students and their supporters in effective control of the heart of Peking, his words had the strong ring of probable truth.

Drawing for inspiration on the "perestroika" programme of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev whose ice-breaking visit to China they have ironically disrupted, the students appear high on the crest of a wave sweeping the communist world.

"Hungary already has a multi-party system. Why not us? Asked a young economics student on Tiananmen Square in the shadow of the Great Hall of the People where Gorbachev was meeting senior Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping.

"Gorbachev, Gorbachev. He is the hero of reform," chanted a group of demonstrators a short distance away.

The Beijing "democracy movement" comes as the latest turn in what has already been a remarkable year for the communist countries of Europe and Asia.

The old monolithic model of strict political control from the top by an all-powerful party, which even Moscow now dubs "the Stalinist system," has begun to crumble fast.

In the Soviet Union, millions of people amazed even themselves in March by voting down senior communist officials in the first multi-candidate elections for 70 years, and sending radical reformers and former dissidents into a new parliament.

On the eve of his departure for Peking, Gorbachev achieved the removal from his party's Central Committee of over 100 old officials closely linked to the dictatorial style of the past.

In Poland, the leadership of Wojciech Jaruzelski legalised the solidarity movement that it crushed in 1980 through martial law and summary arrests, and guaranteed the opposition a hefty bloc of

seats in parliament.

In Hungary, new parties began to organise and communist leader Karoly Grosz accepted his party could step down from power if it lost elections.

And in a key piece of symbolism, the remains of former leader Imre Nagy, shot as a traitor to communism after Soviet troops invaded to stop far-reaching reform in 1956, were prepared for reburial in a grave of honour.

Pressure from reformers and dissatisfied youth tired of the old dogmas has mounted in Czechoslovakia and East Germany, despite tough police measures by the authorities to cut short public expression of dissent.

In Vietnam, a cautious programme of political and economic liberalisation is in the making. Cambodia, with Vietnamese troops pulling out, has declared Buddhism the state religion.

Moscow withdrew its own forces from Afghanistan, publicly recognising it erred dramatically in seeking to promote Soviet-style rule in a country of totally different traditions.

Mongolia, sandwiched between the Soviet Union and China, launched its own version of "perestroika."

Antirunited the heritage of Marshal Choeibalsan, its home-grown Josef Stalin who ruled through terror and bloody purge for 20 years from the 1930s to the 1950s on the model of the Kremlin dictator.

Major odd-men-out were Romania, where President Nicolae Ceausescu's iron control remained tight, North Korea where President Kim Il-Sung showed no sign of softening under the winds blowing from Moscow and Beijing, and Cuba.

Visiting Havana in April, Gorbachev read a diplomatic but clear lesson in the need for genuine reform to President Fidel Castro, still imbued with old-style "anti-imperialist" revolutionary fervour despite his faltering economy.

Asked in Moscow earlier this year how he saw change coming to the more reluctant members of the bloc, a reform-minded Soviet party official shrugged.

"What do you want us to do? Send in tanks? he replied. "Reform has its own logic and will come inevitably when internal conditions are ripe in each country."

(Reuter — Beijing)



Pro-democracy activists lead a chant denouncing the establishment in China.

Panamanian strongman running out of options

Desertion by former friends

By Eloy O. Aguilar

PROTECTED by his defence forces, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega is seeking ways to prevent a general condemnation of his regime by the Organization of American States.

But the Panamanian strongman seemed to be running out of options as his international isolation increased with the desertion of former friends.

His domestic foes also were keeping up pressure for his resignation, with a one-day general strike held on Wednesday.

On paper the options went from bad to worse following the cancellation by the government of presidential elections that international observers and the opposition here claim the government lost by a wide margin.

"He is cornered," said opposition leader Guillermo Cochez. "He knows that the false front of nationalism he had built has been destroyed."

But those who claim to know the general said Noriega will not give up the fight easily.

Problem

"The problem is that Noriega is no longer afraid of the United States because the United States could not get rid of him last year," said a politician who once was a close adviser to the late populist dictator Gen. Omar Torrijos. "The only way to get him out of his headquarters would be force."

That is something even the opposition thinks might be necessary. "I know there are honorable, professional soldiers in the PDF

(Panamanian Defense Forces) who deplore the cowardly use of violence against their own unarmed people," second vice-presidential candidate Guillermo Ford said.

But he admitted that the opposition, like US officials, has virtually no contact with anyone in the defence forces. That is one reason why calls for the defence forces to take action have been so public.

Noriega was indicted by the United States on drug related charges last year. He has denied all charges. The local opposition accuses him of repression.

Noriega claims the US government wants his ouster because he opposed plans to renegotiate the canal treaties that give Panama total control over the waterway in the year 2000 and also call for the removal of all US military bases here.

Noriega survived a coup attempt a year ago at the height of opposition sparked by the announcement of the indictment.

There have been reports that Noriega would like to reach a settlement with the opposition that would give him time to prepare a graceful exit. But the opposition, encouraged by the international rejection of the Panamanian government, is now demanding his ouster as a condition for any talks.

For Noriega, the best strategy may be to stall, to offer different options while delaying any real negotiations. If he can hold on now, when things are at their worst, he will look even stronger if he survives.

"He wants to string them along and string them along and string them along," said one Western diplomat.

The question is whether he can survive the isolation abroad and at home. The United States and several Latin American countries have

recalled their ambassadors as a sign of disapproval of the way the election was annulled and opposition candidates were assaulted in what the US ambassador called an assassination attempt.

Even the Mexican government, which normally stays out of internal squabbles in other Latin American countries, Monday accused Noriega of making his own personal interests prevail over those of the Panamanian people.

Respect

Venezuela, another country that commands respect in Hemispheric diplomatic circles, is leading the fight against Noriega in the OAS. Opposition leaders here want Noriega condemned and a diplomatic and political quarantine imposed on the government.

The United States, which imposed economic sanctions on Panama last year, has been praised here by diplomatic and other sources for letting the Latin Americans carry the ball.

"Bush has sought a consensus of Latin American countries, the countries Noriega was courting earlier when he tried to appear as a Latin nationalist leader," said Cochez.

The annulment of the elections only created other problems for Noriega and the government.

They must come up with a solution by Sept 1 when the current government must cease in its functions. They can call for a constitutional assembly, although legislators have failed to show up this week for regular meetings, or they can create a military government junta. Or call for new elections. All options will make the government look bad.

The opposition is counting on strong action from the OAS.

Syrian isolation grows

Egypt back in Arab orbit

By Richard C. Hottelet

RECENT startling changes in the game of Middle East peace have drawn attention away from a quieter but equally profound development. Syria, seen for years as a central player and a spoiler, now appears as a lesser, even marginal, figure. Given the ferocity with which it has opposed negotiation of peace with Israel, the decline of Damascus may be a plus. But frustration always holds the danger of unpleasant surprises.

1988 was a bad year for Syria. A staggering economy was battered further by the cost of policy mistakes. Friends pulled away, adversaries prospered. The huge sums Syria collected for years from the wealthy Arab states as a leader of the so-called "steadfastness front," the headline opponents of Egypt's peace with Israel, have just about dried up. (And "steadfastness" has given way to flexibility.) Only Saudi Arabia reportedly still pays some \$500 million a year.

Politically, Syria is now practically isolated. In 1980, it backed Iran in the Gulf war against Iraq, an act which many saw as betrayal of the Arab community. Then Iran, its back to the wall, sought a ceasefire without even informing Damascus, and has been re-establishing ties with the Arab states. It has continued aid to Damascus in the form of oil shipments, quite possibly at a reduced level; but the two are now openly rivals in Lebanon, supporting Shiite factions in the civil war. At the same time, Iraq has shown its implacable hatred of Syria by sending money and weapons to the Lebanese Maronite Christians, who enjoy at least the normal support of Israel and who are Syria's bitterest enemies.

Influence

Damascus sees Lebanon as its sphere of influence and has for 12 years kept a "peacekeeping force" there, now some 40,000 strong. The effort is financially ruinous and politically ineffectual. Lebanon remains a shattered, homicidal mess in which Syria exercises only street-corner influence. It cannot even free the American and other hostages to gain the credit that would bring.

Damascus is trapped in Lebanon by its own ambition. That ambition intends also to shape the future of Palestine, which Damascus sees as "Southern Syria." But the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation shows Damascus and everyone

else that the people mean to determine their own fate. Furthermore, Syria has failed — at least so far — in its effort to destroy Yasser Arafat and take over the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). It has directed bloody operations against Arafat's people in Lebanon. In 1983, it expelled him from Damascus as persona non grata, and it has encouraged PLO splinter groups to break away, denouncing Arafat as a traitor.

In 1988, Syria watched from the sidelines as Arafat, undisputed spokesman of the Palestinian cause, proclaimed an independent state of Palestine and embarked on a dialogue with the US about negotiating peace with Israel. Another object of Syria's fury is Egypt, now regaining its old eminence in Arab affairs. The next Arab summit will readmit Egypt to the Arab League, and it will not be long before the League moves its headquarters from Tunis back to Cairo.

With all this, perhaps the most significant change for Syria has been in the spirit of its relations with the Soviet Union. For many years, and all through Assad's 18-year tenure, Moscow has supported Syria. Billions of dollars in arms have lent weight to Syria's contention that it must achieve strategic parity before even talking to Israel. For that, Syria gave the Russians a presence in Middle East politics. The decline of Syria has made some things clear. Politically, the weapons are useless. Strategic parity with Israel is a mirage. Syria and its intransigence have lost their punch.

Climate

In the climate of Mikhail Gorbachev's new thinking, Moscow is busy building relations with the moderate Arab states, including even Saudi Arabia. Not to mention Israel. What looks suspiciously like a mating dance toward full diplomatic relations is in progress. There would come some kind of conference under United Nations auspices to set the stage for peace negotiations — a conference in which the Soviet Union would play its role.

Syria would be in no position to wreck such a concerted effort. Now, paradoxically, Israel is the worry. The Shamir government's extremist policy of suppressing the intifada, and the declared determination of Likud and its right-wing partners not to give up one inch of territory in return for peace, cast a pall over the hopeful prospect.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

Racial differences still pretty sharp in Malaysia

By Lai Kwok Kin

TWENTY years after the bloodiest ethnic clashes in post-war Malaysia, politicians and academics say racial differences in the southeast Asian state are as sharply defined as ever.

More than 200 people died on May 13, 1969 when Malays and Chinese clashed in the capital, Kuala Lumpur.

The violence began after Chinese-based political parties made unexpected gains in a general election and embarked on victory celebrations which angered some Malay groups.

The riots led to the resignation of Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman and the introduction of a controversial policy to restructure Malaysian society by giving politically-dominant Malays a larger stake in the Chinese-dominated economy.

The government says the 1971-1990 New Economic Policy (NEP) has reduced the poverty rate from 49.3 per cent in 1970 to 17.3 in 1987 and has made Malaysia a fairer society.

But several analysts said that as the NEP enters its final stages, racial boundaries have become more focused although they say a repeat of the 1969 bloodbath is unlikely.

"People still consider themselves as Malays, Chinese or Indians. (The government) wants them to forget this," deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba said recently.

"We want them to be united as Malaysians. But it is probably not possible for this generation."

Maybe the next.

Malays and other indigenous races, collectively known as "bumiputras" (sons of the soil), from 57 per cent of the population of 16.9 million. Chinese form 32 per cent while Indians and other races make up the rest.

Malaysia won independence from Britain in 1957 and is ruled by a multi-racial coalition of 13 parties led by the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), a Malay party under Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

"Twenty years ago we talked of positive discrimination for Malays. Now we talk of Malay supremacy as a right," said Professor K.S. Jomo of the University of Malaysia's Institute of Advanced Studies.

"The NEP has drawn racial lines more clearly. Politics now is being defined on racial lines when before it used to be ideological," he said.

"The absence of civil unrest does not mean that ethnic relations are fine."

The NEP sought to eradicate poverty and raise Malays' share of corporate wealth from two per cent in 1970 to 30 per cent in 1990. Malaysia's corporate share is officially estimated at about 18 per cent now. The NEP also seeks to limit foreign share ownership to 30 per cent and that of non-bumiputras Malaysians to 40 per cent by 1990.

Under the NEP, Bumiputras were given more places in universities, key positions in the republic and private sectors while firms were encouraged to

sell equity to Bumiputras.

Some non-Bumiputras dispute the government data, saying Malays have already achieved the 30 per cent target. They say the NEP has slowed economic growth, discouraged foreign investment and that free market forces should now dictate Malaysia's future.

But Mahathir said at a recent rally: "We have not achieved the objective of the NEP in full." He has hinted he would not abandon past policies based on "political realities."

"Our social restructuring goals, specifically the achievement of the 30 per cent target of the Bumiputras ownership of corporate stocks and to enhance their participation in the commercial and corporate sector, cannot be abandoned," he said last October.

Malaysia formed a 150-member council last January to draw up a post-1990 economic blueprint.

Chandra Muzaffar, head of the Aliran Reform Movement, said the NEP had largely benefited contractors and businesses.

He said non-Malays had formed institutions to protect their own interests, such as co-operatives and multi-purpose Holdings BHD, a company indirectly controlled by the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), a government coalition partner.

A recent bid to take over Multi-purpose angered MCA leaders, who feared the company could fall into Malay hands, the controversy serving to underline racial differences.

Vorontsov in Iran for Afghan talks

Rockets hit Kabul

MANAMA, May 19. (Agencies): A senior Kremlin diplomatic trouble-shooter was in Tehran today to discuss the latest developments in neighbouring Afghanistan, as Pakistan and the Soviet-backed government in Kabul traded warnings of war, officials and diplomats said.

Yuli Vorontsov, a deputy foreign minister who Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev last year appointed ambassador to Kabul, told reporters in Tehran before departing for Tehran that the situation in Afghanistan has changed because of US, Pakistani and Saudi interference.

The Cairo-based Middle East News Agency quoted Vorontsov as telling the reporters that because Iran and the Soviet Union maintain long borders with Afghanistan they could no longer ignore developments there.

Demand for greater role

ISLAMABAD, May 19. (AP): Iran-based Afghan rebels are seeking a greater role in the plan for an interim government to assume power if the rebels defeat the Soviet-backed government, a rebel spokesman said yesterday.

Mohammad Karim Khalili, leader of a four-man delegation of Iran-based rebel groups, made the statement at a news conference preceding the Friday start of negotiations with Pakistan-based rebel groups.

The Iran-based rebels are Shiite Muslims; the Pakistan-based rebels are Sunni Muslims, as are most Afghans. The negotiations are to be held in Peshawar, where the Sunni rebels are based.

The so-called "interim government" was formed in February as the Soviet Union was withdrawing its last troops from Afghanistan after a 10-year intervention in the country's civil war. At the time, rebels and some Western observers predicted the Afghan Army would fall quickly to the rebels.



An Afghan woman sobs in front of her pock-marked home in Kabul hit by a rocket. (Reuters wirephoto)

Vorontsov's Tehran visit comes amid a stalemate in fighting between government forces and US-armed Afghan rebels.

Even though the Soviet Union ended its military troop support of Kabul in February when it withdrew its remaining troops from Afghanistan, the rebels have failed to break the defences of better trained and equipped government forces in the Afghan city of Jalalabad and prospects of a rapid capitulation of the government is not immediately foreseen.

Vorontsov's talks in Iran were expected to include sessions with Tehran-based Shiite Muslim Afghan rebel leaders, still bitter at being left out of a predominantly Sunni Muslim Afghan interim government.

Political observers said Vorontsov may try to exploit the bitterness of the Iran-based rebels and promote a dialogue with the government in Kabul leading to eventual power-sharing in the form of a national unity government.

Vorontsov did not elaborate on his charges that the US, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia were continuing to aid the Afghan rebels. But Afghanistan and Pakistan traded what experts described as "warning of war" at a Non-Aligned Movement meeting yesterday in the Zimbabwean capital of Harare.

Afghan rebels fired seven rockets at Kabul yesterday and battled government forces trying to clear them from the Salang highway, the main supply route to the capital.

Two rockets hit residential areas, wounding several people, eyewitnesses said. The rest landed on the outskirts of the city.

Government troops exchanged rocket and machine-gun fire with rebels hiding in villages outside the capital from where they attack convoys arriving from the Soviet border with food and fuel supplies.

The government recently built a road diverting traffic from Paghman to Kabul, which is suffering a shortage of food and fuel. Rebels denied on Wednesday they had abandoned their fight for Jalalabad, but said they were reorganising for assaults on other government-held Afghan cities.

Rebels and Western diplomats reported fresh fighting in the war-torn country, including the destruction of a northern ammunition dump laden with Soviet weapons.

Afghan rebels lack the weapons and discipline to beat government forces whose morale has improved since Soviet troops withdrew, the former top UN soldier in the country said yesterday.

Retaliation alert Warning

FRANKFURT, May 19. (AP): West Germany has warned its diplomats abroad to be on the alert for possible retaliations after TWA hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadi was sentenced to life in prison, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

After hearing 10 months of often chilling testimony, a Frankfurt court convicted Hamadi of murder, air piracy and other charges in connection with the June 1985 hijacking of TWA flight 847, during which US Navy diver Robert Stethem, 23, was brutally beaten and shot to death.

"We have notified our diplomatic personnel of the (Hamadi) verdict and advised them to be on the alert," Foreign Ministry spokesman Rainer Mueller said in a telephone interview.

Mueller also said the ministry has no information on who may have abducted Heinrich Strubig and Thomas Kempner, two West German relief workers

Saudis warn intransigent Iran

Riyadh has shown patience for the sake of Islam

BAHRAIN, May 19. (Agencies): Saudi Arabia continued trading punches today with Iran over the number of Iranians allowed to enter the kingdom for the annual haj (pilgrimage).

Saudi government officials said Saudi Arabia had shown Iran "patience" for the sake of Islam and peace in the region, but Riyadh would not "tolerate" any Iranian act to bring by force more Iranian pilgrims to Makkah than Tehran's allocated quota of 45,000.

"We have shown Iran patience for the sake of Islam and peace in this region, but we will not and cannot tolerate any Iranian act

which foresees bringing Iranian pilgrims into the kingdom by force," said one Saudi government official.

State-run Riyadh Radio in a commentary monitored in Bahrain predicted yesterday that Iranians would eventually overthrow the government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Riyadh Radio accused unnamed hard-liners in the Iranian leadership of being responsible for Tehran's latest aggressive policies.

On Wednesday, Iran's Deputy Premier Ali Reza Moayeri rejected the Saudi quota system on all Muslim countries including Iran,

which would allow Tehran to send only 45,000 Iranian pilgrims to Makkah.

Moayeri said Iran was determined to send 150,000 pilgrims to Makkah "despite obstacles put in its way by the Riyadh regime," but did not say how it planned to accomplish this.

Another Iranian hard-liner, Interior Minister Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Mohtashami, was quoted as telling Lebanese Muslims visiting Tehran that the United States was behind the ban.

Saudi Arabia broke off diplomatic ties with Iran in 1988, a year after 400 mostly Iranian

pilgrims died in riots in Makkah.

The son of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini revealed for the first time yesterday that Iranian Revolutionary Guards tried to smuggle explosives into Saudi Arabia a year before the haj riots, presumably to try and take over the sacred Islamic shrines.

The intensification of the dispute has coincided with a resurgence of radical fundamentalism in Iran.

Iran last week rejected an invitation to a meeting of Islamic affairs ministers from more than 40 countries hosted by Saudi Arabia, souring relations fur-

ther.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, addressing the conference when it opened Wednesday, called for unspecified punishments against Muslims who seek to "smear the image of Islam."

Saudi Arabia has abandoned its reported overtures to moderates in the Iranian leadership such as Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Arab government officials said Wednesday.

The overtures to Rafsanjani, failed to improve the climate between the two Muslim states, the officials said.



David vs Goliath

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin fires (left) an Israeli-made Galili rifle at an Army base. But the show of strength failed to cow down Palestinian youngsters, who defied Army curfew to throw stones at Israeli troops in occupied Gaza Strip.

Tough Israeli restrictions

Gazans brace for hardship

GAZAN, May 19. (Reuters): Gaza Palestinians, already suffering severe economic hardship in a 17-month-old uprising, prepared to cut back even more Israel announced tough measures aimed at restricting Palestinian workers from entering Israel.

The Army said yesterday Palestinians from the occupied Gaza Strip would need special permits to leave the strip, a move security sources said was mainly aimed at screening the 60,000 Gazans who work daily in Israel.

"Israel is tightening the noose around the neck of the Gaza Strip," said Haim Ats Shana, a prominent leader who estimated Gazans who work in Israel bring income of \$1.5 million per day to the strip.

Suleiman, a 45-year-old construction worker, said: "They are trying to push us to have no money, but we will not surrender. We have got used to poverty and we can live on just water, salt and bread."

The Israeli administration in the strip also ordered Gaza agricultural packing houses to stop work.

Palestinians have had to cope with a much lower standard of living throughout the uprising. Merchants have been hurt by daily protest strikes and by a lack of tourism, the main source of revenue for West Bank storekeepers.

Arabs who work in Israel stay home on general strike days and workers for the Israeli establishment have left their jobs.

Poison gas made at Rabta: Bangkok

BANGKOK, May 19. (Agencies): Senior Thai officials have confirmed the Rabta Chemical Plant in Libya makes weapons and said a Thai company supplied it with equipment.

The officials were commenting after talks in Bangkok between Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan and a visiting Libyan diplomat.

The United States accuses Libya of manufacturing chemical weapons at Rabta and has urged Thailand to withdraw several hundred Thai workers from the plant. Libya denies the charge.

Deputy Interior Minister Wattana Asavaborn was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying it was true that Rabta made weapons. "I do not know what type of weapons," he was quoted as saying.

A government official who declined to be identified said 15 senior technicians were among the large Thai workforce at the plant and said it made toxic weapons.

Chatichai looked tense after his talks with the visiting Libyan ambassador to the Philippines, Saleem M'adem, and would say little about the discussions.

Saleem M'adem assured Choonhavan yesterday that the Libyan factory is not making chemical weapons.

Thai officials have said the United States repeatedly has asked that the workers be evacuated because it may decide to bomb the plant at Rabta. They quoted Libyan officials as threatening to deport all 25,000 Thai workers if those at Rabta were evacuated.

Thailand has not made a decision.

Interviewed by Thai television he denied knowing what was produced at the plant. "I don't know what kind of factory it is. I haven't seen any details. There has only been talk," he said.

'Two at the helm will get nowhere' Khamenei favours centralization

NICOSIA, May 19. (AP): President Ali Khamenei today called for centralization of executive power, saying that having a President and a prime minister in Iran's government led to divisions, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency quoted Khamenei as saying that "two managers at the helm will get nowhere... the President and prime minister are unable to handle the affairs even with identical views and reciprocal confidence."

Speaking in the weekly sermon at Tehran University, Khamenei said that "unlike the present situation, people should know whom to go to with their demands," IRNA reported.

Khamenei, serving his second and last four-year term in office as a strong advocate of abolishing the premiership and centralizing power in the presidency.

His call for centralization comes before the presidential elections in August, and amid a review of the country's constitution to "rectify flaws and weaknesses" ordered by leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

In response to a call by 160 parliamentarians, Khomeini last month appointed a 20-man committee to amend the constitution and put the changes to the people in a national referendum to coincide with the elections.

It is believed that the committee will rule in favour of amending the constitution to abolish the premiership and strengthen the presidency.

Khamenei, who has favoured more pragmatic, liberal policies, has often been at odds with the more fundamentalist Prime Minister Hussein Musavi.

The sole candidate for August's presidential elections is the powerful Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who is backed by Khamenei.

Khamenei said that there were currently two prevalent views on how the executive should be



Khamenei

administered, IRNA reported.

"One view favours a powerful President who should be responsible before the majlis (parliament) and people, as a person elected by the people, while the other wants the presidency to be a ceremonial position, to be run by the prime minister," IRNA quoted Khamenei as saying.

He said that both positions work in countries with active political parties.

The few legally-recognised political parties in Iran are largely ceremonial.

Khamenei also said that the judiciary, run by chief justice Musavi Ardebili, suffered similarly because power was divided among a five-man council which rules by majority vote.

He said that the special commission is also looking to centralise the judiciary to invest more responsibility in a single individual.

The Islamic republic's constitution was drawn up in 1979 to safeguard against the concentration of power, for fear that the country would turn into another dictatorship much like the overthrow monarchy of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

Steep rise in beheadings

Punishment in Saudi Arabia

NICOSIA, May 19. (Reuters): Public beheadings have resumed in Saudi Arabia after a break during the holy month of Ramadan and unofficial figures suggest a steep rise in the number of executions there this year.

At least 29 men and a Filipina have been beheaded in the past five months in various Saudi cities, compared with 18 people in the whole of 1988.

On Tuesday, a Yemeni convicted of murder and a Saudi found guilty of raping and killing a girl were beheaded by sword in a square in the southern town of Jizan. They were the first public executions since April 15.

In Saudi Arabia, which implements strict Islamic sharia law, murder, terrorism, rape and drug trafficking are capital crimes and offenders are beheaded. In addition, drunks are flogged, adulterers stoned and the hands of thieves amputated.

The reasons behind the increase in executions are not clear but officials point to a 40 per cent drop in the drug trafficking since 1987 when Saudi Arabia made it a capital offence.

At least 13 drug traffickers have been executed so far this year. One Arab expatriate in the kingdom said people had become used to hearing of two or three beheadings a week.

In the first nine days of Ramadan, which started on April 6, 11 people were beheaded.

Executions, floggings and amputations are usually carried out after Friday prayers outside the central mosque in the city or town where the crime had been committed.

But, according to an Arab expatriate in Riyadh last month, some executions took place during the week. "Every other day now they have an announcement," he said.

The Interior Ministry gives advance notices of executions on television, radio, the official news agency and in newspapers.

Hundreds of Muslim worshippers, including children and women covered from head to toe according to the Islamic dress code, often gather to observe the punishment.

Witnesses say the condemned person, usually heavily sedated, is blindfolded and made to kneel towards Makkah, with hands tied behind the back.

The executioner raises the sword and swings, severing the head completely with one blow, as stipulated by sharia. He then wipes the sword clean on the dead person's clothes.

Diplomats in the kingdom say about 60 per cent of those executed are Saudi nationals.

But those beheaded in March included two Pakistanis convicted of drug trafficking, the Filipina for strangling a Saudi girl and three Yemeni men for raping a boy aged seven.

Iran detains 11 Khalq men

ATHENS, May 19. (UPI): The Iranian authorities arrested 11 members of the banned Mujahideen Khalq organisation last week and charged them with infiltrating government organisations for purposes of espionage, the Tehran newspaper Kayhan said.

The newspaper, quoted Deputy Information Minister Hojatoleslam Fallahian as saying the group was led by a high-ranking member of the Mujahideen Khalq organisation, a Baghdad-based Iranian opposition group.

He identified the leader as Dalwand (no first name was given) and said he and the other 10 mujahideen members infiltrated government organisations "for the purpose of gathering information," which they passed on to Baghdad and other points outside Iran.

There was no immediate word from the mujahideen on the arrests.

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West German relief group expelled from Palestinian camp

SIDON, Lebanon, May 19. (AP): The PLO expelled four West German relief workers from their base in a refugee camp yesterday and banned them from returning to the camp.

The commander of the PLO's military police said he received orders from the PLO headquarters in Tunis to ask the workers to vacate their main base in the Mieh Mieh camp without delay.

The PLO on Wednesday asked the group to leave for concealing the identity

of those involved in kidnapping members of the group in two separate incidents this month and for blatantly ignoring security regulations.

The PLO command did not approve the 10-day deadline given to the group to pack and leave the camp by Abu Ali Waigh, in charge of security for all the Palestinian refugee camps in south Lebanon.

"We gave them 60 minutes to pack and leave," said Abu Ali, "we don't want to have anything to do with them anymore."

The expulsion came hours after the group announced that they would respect the 10-day deadline, even if it meant leaving while two kidnapped colleagues remained in captivity.

Abu Ali said the Asme-Humanitas workers will not be allowed to "set foot in the camp again."

The four were taken in one PLO car to Sidon where they were met by members of the Nasserite militia who took them to another base the group keeps in Aaqbiyeh,

which is controlled by the Shiite Amal militia. It was not immediately clear how long they would stay in Lebanon.

Earlier Petra Schnitzler, a 26-year-old Asme-Humanitas nurse, read a statement in English saying that the West German relief agency would leave Lebanon.

"We will leave Lebanon within ten days" if the PLO keeps insisting on that. We will leave even if our colleagues were not freed by them," Schnitzler told reporters.

This week on KTV 2

- SATURDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Mickey and Donald: cartoon series
- 6.30 Not Another Science Show: Testing. A look at how electro-magnetic waves function.
- 7.00 Out of the World: "Career Crunch." As Dana prepares for the opening of her new restaurant, her daughter, Evie, relies on her supernatural powers to help.
- 7.30 Animals of Africa: "Elephants of Africa." A look at elephants in their natural habitat.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Our House: Balance of Power. A family drama, tonight, it tells the story of Chris, and his friendship with a Russian girl, Valerie. When Valerie visits the US, Chris is in a dilemma: should he meet her or not.
- 9.40 Reaching for the Skies: Lighter Than Air. Tonight's episode of this documentary examines the evolution of balloons and how they are used for surveillance.
- 10.30 Saturday night movie: Seems Like Old Times. Starring: Goldie Hawn; Chevy Chase, Charles Grodin. This 1980 production is a farce by Neil Simon. The charm and adeptness of the three lead players make almost every laugh work. Jay Sandrich's direction is well balanced, if visually unimpressive. Duration: 102 minutes.
- 12.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.
- SUNDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Dennis The Menace: cartoon series
- 6.30 Scientific Eye: Fitness and Sport. Theories about about fitness and sport. Tonight's episode examines various sport and how they build energy.
- 7.00 In the Wild: a documentary on wildlife in the Australian outback.
- 7.30 Sea Hunt: Toxic Waste. The sea has been turned into a dumping ground: raising fears of pollution. Dr Mike investigates.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Murder, She Wrote: As a Jail Bird. Jessica is accused of the alleged murder of a Bulgarian. Will she be freed? Starring: Angela Lansbury.
- 9.30 Nature Watch: Chipmunk. A look at the tiny chipmunk and its behaviour in the wild.
- 10.00 You Can't Take It With You Comedy. Grandpa Morgan is arrested for refusing to pay his hotel bill.
- 10.30 Best-Seller: Lonesome Dove. Part 3. Guss pursues horse thieves; and Larry follows him.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.
- MONDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
- 6.30 Wild America: Grizzly Creek. This documentary takes a look at wild life in America.
- 7.00 Roving Report: Weekly roundup of world and regional affairs.
- 7.30 Charles-in-Charge: UFO! Oh No! Charles and the children see a flying saucer but have trouble convincing others.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Paradise: Founder's Day. Relatives of a bank robber seek revenge.
- 9.30 227: Shall We Dance. When Lester's childhood sweetheart visits the neighbourhood, Mary fears she will move in on her turf. Comedy.

- 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Reunion. Mrs Stacey, a war widow, learns the gruesome details of how her husband died during the Vietnam War. Thriller.
- 10.30 French Series: Le Crocodile Espagnol. A thriller about a series of unrelated crimes that baffles police. The pieces of the jigsaw puzzle fall together after the new manager of a company is blackmailed.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.
- TUESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Pink Panther and Son: cartoon series
- 6.30 Captain Power: Episode 7. Artist Jessica Morgan is the only person who can help Dred. But Captain Power persuades her to join forces with him to destroy Dred.
- 7.00 Brazil, Brazil: After the Miracle. A look at Sao Paulo city.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 The Fourth Arm: British secret agents infiltrate France to destroy enemy posts.
- 9.30 Mutual of Omaha: The New Zealand Deer Life. A look at why the deer might become extinct in New Zealand.
- 10.00 Everything's Relative: Forgotten But Not Gone. Julian and Scott's guest suffers from agoraphobia and refuses to leave the apartment. Comedy. Starring: John Bolger, Anne Jackson, Jason Alexander.
- 10.30 Midnight Caller: 12 Gauge. This show revolves around a radio show host who tries to help people in distress. Tonight, he receives a call from a man who declares his intention to kill his girlfriend.
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.
- WEDNESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Raccoons: cartoon

- 6.30 Mac and Muttley: A programme for young viewers, it takes a look at a dog's parade, how to train dogs and other subjects.
- 7.00 Danger Bay: Covert Operation. Grant and Jonah, who are working on a research project, suspect they are dealing with undercover agents.
- 7.30 Body Matters: Breathing Space. Doctors talk about how the lungs function and discuss lung diseases.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 You and the Law: Presented by Ali Noor. Sonny Spoon: Sam's Private Eye. A man who hires Sonny to follow a case is murdered; Sonny vows to avenge his client's death. Action.
- 9.40 The Cosby Show: Lucy invites a friend to stay home. And nothing in the house is where it is supposed to be. Comedy. Starring: Bill Cosby, Phylicia Rashad.
- 10.00 Just for the Record: This is an Australian programme on record holders. Tonight, records are set in the balancing; shooting; and an interview with the oldest woman.
- 10.30 Late Night Movie: The Stranger. Starring: Edward Robinson, Orson Welles, Loretta Young. Tonight's feature film revolves around an escaped Nazi criminal who marries an American woman and settles down in a remote Connecticut village.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.
- THURSDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Denver: cartoon series
- 6.30 The New Mickey Mouse Club: A programme for young viewers, it tells the story of a confrontation between Mickey and a pirate. Plus other stories.
- 7.00 Munsters Today: Rock

- Fever. Hillary wants to turn metal into gold and begins experiments to create a "golden egg."
- 7.30 T.N.T.: Junkyard Blues 2. Ennie disappears; and Mr. T leads the search party. Action.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Beauty and the Beast: Labyrinth. Catherine, unwittingly, leads a man to the netherworld. Vincent's friends suspect the man of spying.
- 9.30 Magic Show: British illusionist, Paul Daniels, presents tonight's show. Thursday's feature: The Room Upstairs.
- 10.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.
- FRIDAY**
- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.10 Cautious: cartoon series
- 4.30 Italian Football
- 4.50 American Basketball
- 5.30 Inter Bang: Episode 4. Bruno and Gianni wants Dr Welles to decode a document.
- 7.00 Startrek: The Neutral Zone. A frozen person, found in outerspace, is revitalised by Dr Beverly. But the creature's behaviour puzzles the personnel onboard the Enterprise.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Breaking Away: A look at what's happening at a various clubs in Kuwait. Sabes: A new series starts tonight.
- 8.50 The Charmings: A doctor tries to cure Eric parano.
- 10.00 Tales from the Other-side: Inside the Closet. A tale from the dark, unexplained side of life — the supernatural.
- 10.30 Blue Blood: Who Was That Man? Henry is hired to find a man who disappeared during the Vietnam War and reappears, in Paris only to vanish again.
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

KTV I weekly highlights

- SATURDAY**
- 9.15 Falaouna
- 10.00 Yaseen Wa Bahiya: Arabic serial (Part 8)
- 11.00 Al Aswar: Local serial (Part 8)
- 12.15 Al Sofra Al Khaliyya: Programme presented by Afnan Al Zayyani
- 5.15 Al Fanan Al Sagheer: Local programme, presented and prepared by Mohammed Al Sheikh
- 5.45 Nathra Alla Al Alam: Cultural programme
- 6.00 Historical serial (Part 2)
- 7.30 Noor Al Islam: Local religious programme, prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qader
- 8.00 Al Amn Wa El Muwatan: Local programme
- 9.50 Layali Al Hilmiya: Daily Arabic serial (Part 8)
- 10.45 Ibn Al Qarya: Arabic feature, starring Ahmad Maree, Fatma Al Tabi'e, Ibrahim Al Shami and Ihsan Al Qala Awi
- SUNDAY**
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 9.45 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.45 News summary
- 12.00 That's Incredible
- 4.45 Sherlock Holmes: Cartoon serial
- 5.15 Tum Tac Wa El Aftal: Children programme
- 5.30 Min Alf Lila Wa Lila: Children programme
- 7.45 Diwanat Shu'ara Al Nabat
- 10.45 Osfoora Bain El No-
- joom: Variety. Today's guest star, Najla' Fathi
- MONDAY**
- 10.00 Yaseen Wa Bahiya: Arabic serial (Part 10)
- 12.00 Cultural film
- 1.00 News summary
- 5.15 Mama Anisa Wa Esi Char: Local programme, prepared by Samiya Mohammed
- 7.45 Holy Quran and Science: Local programme
- 8.30 Local news
- 10.45 Al Ghareeb: Arabic feature film: Starring Majda, Yahya Shaheen and Mohsen Sarhan
- TUESDAY**
- 9.10 Sabah Al Khir
- 10.50 News summary
- 11.00 Al Aswar: Local serial (Part II)
- 12.00 Varieties
- 1.00 News summary
- 5.45 Nahno Asdeqa'ok: Local programme
- 6.00 Nadam: Historical serial (Part 5)
- 7.30 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: Local programme
- 9.45 Layali Al Hilmiya: Daily Arabic serial (Part 11)
- 10.30 Min El Aftal Ila Alya: Variety programme, presented by Tareq Habib
- WEDNESDAY**
- 12.15 Circus
- 5.15 Ma'a Al Talaba: Local programme
- 8.00 Al Iskan Wa El muwatan: Local programme
- 10.45 Wadi Al Ghazlan:

- Bedouin serial (Part 3). Starring: Mahmood Saeed, Subah Al Jazami and Adeb Qadoora
- THURSDAY**
- 9.45 Tum Tac Wa El Aftal: Children programme
- 10.15 Varieties
- 10.30 Foreign feature film
- 11.20 Fi Rihab Al Tarbiya: Local programme
- 1.35 Cartoons
- 2.30 Cultural film
- 4.30 Varieties
- 8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: Local programme
- 10.00 Varieties
- 10.45 Tarweeth Al Rajol: Arabic feature film, starring Karam Mutawe', Raghada, and Raja' Al Jeddawi
- 12.30 Ikhtarna Lakom: Local varieties
- FRIDAY**
- 9.45 Majalat Al Aftal: Local programme
- 10.30 Cultural film
- 11.00 Religious programme
- 11.15 Live from the Grand Mosque for Friday prayers
- 12.20 Al Alwan: Local varieties
- 2.15 Looking for Adventure (Al Bath An Al Moghamara): Cultural programme
- 3.30 Cartoons
- 4.00 INDIAN FILM
- 6.15 Al Kuwait Fin Osboo': Weekly programme
- 7.40 Ma'a Al Osa: Local programme
- 8.45 Hadith Al Osboo'
- 9.45 Wrestling
- 10.30 Hikayat Ma'a Al Nojoom, variety programme. Today's guest Farid Al Atrash

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

4.55 pm: Live telecast of FA Cup final on KTV channels 6 and 45.

KTV 1

MORNING

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.10 Sabah Al Khir
- 9.15 Falaouna: children programme (Part I)
- 9.45 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.00 Yaseen Wa Bahiya: Arabic serial (Part 8)
- 10.45 News summary and Varieties
- 11.00 Al Aswar: local serial (Part 8)
- 12.00 News Summary and Varieties
- 12.15 Al Sofra Al Khaliyya: programme, presented by Afnan Al Zayyani
- 1.00 News Summary

EVENING

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World News via Satellite

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

Iron Angels II

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Al Salmiya

Revenge of the Nerds II

Starring: Robert Carridine, Antony Edwards

Al Hamra

Lucas

Starring: Charlie Chan, Karen Hutton

Drive-In

Arcoes Fi Al Ya Naseeb (Arabic)

Starring: Samir Ghanim, Dalal Abdul Aziz

Al Firdous

Sawal (Hindi)

Starring: Shashi Kapoor, Poonam Dhillon

Fahsheel Open-Air

Andha Yudh (Hindi)

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.28 am
Zuhr	11.44
Asr	3.20 pm
Maghreb	6.32
Isha	7.59

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Bangladesh Art Show

UPTO MAY 27. Bangladeshi artist Monirul Islam will show 45 paintings at the Kuwait National Museum. Islam's paintings revolve around the life of Bangladeshis. Landscapes are also on show. The exhibition will be open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 7.30 pm. It has been organised by the Bangladesh Association.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers

MAY 24/25 (8.00 pm): Kuwait Singers presents "Stage Struck" an evening show of songs from Broadway and the West End at Gulf English School, Salwa. For tickets and reservations contact 5317433/5384873. Tickets KD3.

FILMS

British Council

MAY 20/21 (6.30 pm): "A Room With a View," an adaptation of E.M. Forster's novel will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. Featuring an incomparable cast, recipient of three Oscars, it tells the story of Lucy Honeychurch (Helena Bonham-Carter), a beautiful young English girl abroad, whose emotions are rocked when she witnesses a murder, and whose life is forever altered by the sudden and mysterious arrival of a passionate young man. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 252-23227.

Children's film

MAY 24 (6 pm); MAY 25 (10.30 am): Heidi, a BBC production of one of the most popular children's stories, is set amidst the scenery of the Swiss

Alps. It is about Heidi, a young-spirited Swiss orphan, who is taken to live with her grandfather in the mountains; unexpectedly, she has to leave her beloved mountains and live with a strange family in the city. This children's film will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

SOCIAL

Eid Reunion

The annual general meeting and Eid reunion of the Probashi Commercial Ltd. was held recently in Kuwait.

Jukebox 5

MAY 23-25: The Sounds Great production of Jukebox 5, will be presented at the Salmiya Cinema at 8 pm and also at 5 pm on May 25. For reservations ring 5740256/7 (mornings and 4 to 7 pm) or 5718143 or 5731782. Tickets will be on sale at Salmiya Cinema Box Office.

Indian Arts Circle

May 25: The IAC will hold a one-hour variety show, followed by a prize-distribution ceremony for the winners of the One-Act Play Competition, recently conducted by them. The names of the winners will be announced on May 25 at the

ceremony, which will be followed by dinner. For reservations call 3904817; 2644863; 3903879; 3920165.

German Week

MAY 23, Tuesday: Opening reception for anniversary, exhibition and German Week given by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany at 7.00 pm at the Regency Palace hotel ballroom "Sheikha."

MAY 24, Wednesday: German Gala Night with German food buffet, musicians and other entertainments, ballroom "Sheikha" at 8.00 pm. Exhibition hours are from 9.30 am until 1.00 pm and from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

MAY 26, Friday: International Children's Day from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm in the ballroom "Sheikha" of the Conference Centre Building. Exhibition hours are from 9.30 am to 9.00 pm.

MAY 27, Saturday: Siemens — 30 years in Kuwait. Reception at 7.30 pm in the ballroom "Sheikha" of the Conference Centre Building. Exhibition hours are from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Mando Festival

MAY 26: For the first time in the history of Goans in Kuwait — Kuwait Konkani Kendri (KKK) is going to organise a

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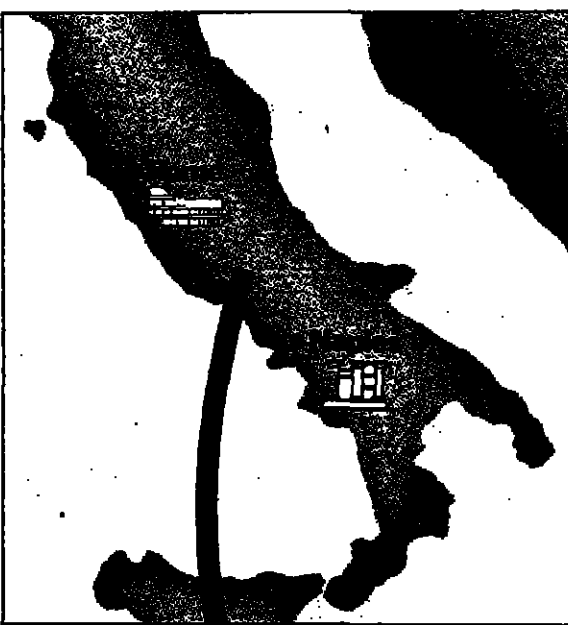
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Energy File

China agrees to double its purchase of Iranian oil

ATHENS, May 19, (UPI): China has agreed to double its purchase of Iranian crude oil, and will buy two million tons annually under a note of understanding signed in Beijing last week, the Tehran newspaper Kayhan said.

Kayhan, copies of which reached Athens yesterday, said the note of understanding was one of three signed by the foreign ministers of Iran and China in Beijing May 12, at the end of a visit to China by Iranian President Ali Khamenei.

Tehran Radio monitored in Athens said Khamenei returned to Tehran late Wednesday, after visits to China and North Korea.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said after the signing ceremonies in Beijing that the increased sales of Iranian crude oil to China would form the basis of increased trade between the two countries.

Reports from Iran said earlier that China did not need to buy Iranian oil, because it produced its own, but did so for balance of trade purposes. Kayhan did not say whether the increased oil purchases would be effective this year or in 1990.

Oil refinery

CASABLANCA, May 19, (Reuters): A five-week strike by 1,000 workers at Morocco's largest oil refinery was suspended yesterday, a spokesman for the Confederation Democratique du Travail (CDT) labour union said.

Ground crews employed by the national airline Royal Air Maroc, who have been staging hourly stoppages for the past two weeks, also agreed to work normally. Airline sources said flights had not been affected.

Oil co-operation

CARACAS, May 19, (Reuters): Iran's oil minister met yesterday with Venezuela's President to discuss the June 5 OPEC conference and co-operation between the two countries in heavy crude oil production.

"We had a very fruitful talk with the President, and this signifies co-ordination in the next OPEC conference," Iran's Gholamreza Azadeh said after the meeting. He did not elaborate.

Oil output

LONDON, May 19, (Reuters): British oil output is likely to rise a little in June from a 10-year low, caused by a 10-year low in the second half of 1988, according to latest forecasts.

Japan urged to boost spending on defence research

TOKYO, May 19, (AP): A major Japanese industrial organisation is urging the government to boost spending on defence-related research and development, a step critics charged is aimed at making the nation a "military power."

The federation of economic organisations said in a report submitted this week to the defence agency that a share of research and development expenditures in Japan's defence budget "should be increased to more than 5 per cent, the minimum share allotted per the defence budget in major Western advanced countries."

A defence agency official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said details have yet to be finalised, but said the federation's request would be reflected in the nation's next defence budget plan. The current five-year plan totalling \$76.5 billion will be completed in 1990.

Only 2.1 per cent of Japan's total defence budget of \$2.8 billion (¥395 million) in fiscal 1989, which began April 1, was earmarked for defence-related research and development. The budget was to be approved by late this month.

Meanwhile, Japan's opposition parties agreed yesterday after months of wrangling to terms under which former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone will testify before parliament on his role in a major share scandal.

The issue has stalled parliamentary business for more than two months.

Nakasone and many other top politicians received money and unstated shares from the Recruit Company, a publishing and telecommunications giant.

Komoto may be Japan's prime minister

TOKYO, May 19, (Reuters): Japan's next premier may well be the elderly former chairman of a bankrupt shipping company, a ruling party veteran named Toshio Komoto, party insiders said today.

Komoto, 77, is emerging among the front-runners in the prime ministerial sweepstakes, mainly because he is untainted by the nation's worst postwar political scandal, a Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) source said.

The succession was thrown into turmoil last week when the party's unanimous choice, respected veteran Masayoshi Ito, flatly refused the job, demanding sweeping party reforms.

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita

Move to compete with Dubai

Iranians plan free port

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 19, (AP): Iran said today it plans to turn its southern port of Chabahar into a free port that will challenge Dubai, the Hong Kong of the Gulf.

The official Islamic Republic News agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the Governor of Sistan-Baluchistan province as saying the move would save precious foreign exchange for Iran by cutting out middlemen in Dubai, the main regional export centre for Iranian goods.

Chabahar, about 80 miles (130 kilometres) west of the Pakistan border, lies on the coastline of the Gulf of Oman.

IRNA said the Iranian cabinet approved the plan to turn Chabahar into a free port last March.

It said that harbour facilities have been upgraded along with road links to make it one of Iran's major ports.

By turning Chabahar into a free port, the government hopes to turn it into a kind of giant supermarket, boosting revenue that

currently is going to Dubai.

In Chabahar, the government plans to set up facilities similar to those in Dubai, and retain the value-added profit of storage, packing and loading, all of which amounts to precious dollars.

The government is desperately seeking to boost non-oil exports, which account for less than 10 per cent of Iran's foreign currency earnings, to help in its post-war reconstruction and lessen its dependency on oil.

Dubai's merchants — many of them of Iranian origin — have been doing a thriving business with Iran, either on a cash basis or through businessmen who pay in dollars from accounts outside Iran to sidestep tight foreign exchange controls.

In the first quarter of 1987, the latest period for which figures are available, Dubai registered a record \$118 million worth of re-exports to Iran.

Fresh fruit from Iran, worth \$13 million a month, was shipped through Dubai, accord-

ing to customs statistics. The produce was then re-exported through Dubai around the Gulf states.

Figures on trade through Dubai were undoubtedly inflated during the 8-year Iran-Iraq war, when shortages rampant in Iran were met by trade, often illegal, with Dubai. Tehran usually turned a blind eye to that activity.

The war made shipping directly to Iran too risky and a hefty portion of Iran's imports were shipped to Dubai and re-exported from there because merchants have easy access to credit lines and commercial connections the Iranians did not have.

Iranians packed airliners to fly to Dubai to buy refrigerators, video cassette recorders, television sets, washing machines, jeans and other items in short supply at home, then fly back to resell on the black market at hefty profits.

In 1985 Iranian imports to or through Dubai totalled more than \$67 million.

Lanka to buy oil from Iraq

COLOMBO, May 19, (KUNA): Sri Lanka has agreed to buy 240,000 metric tons of crude oil from Iraq this year, but state-controlled Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) wants 120,000 tonnes of Miri light imported from Malaysia which when blended with the Iraqi crude gives a better yield.

Last year too Sri Lanka imported 240,000 metric tons of light crude from Baghdad under contract, the first consignment of 120,000 tonnes arrived in March and the balance 120,000 MT will arrive in Colombo next month, CPC general manager M.T. Hamza said.

But this Miri light which is necessary to get maximum yield from the Iraqi purchases and which is supplied by the Malaysian company Petronas will have to be imported in large quantities to help Lankan oil refinery turn out a better product.

Hamza said Miri light is a necessity because of the high sulphur content contained in the crude imported from Iraq.



A worker was injured seriously in a blazing refinery of Shell oil company at Hamburg harbour on Thursday. 200 firefighters tried to stop the fire by using helicopters and water-cannons. (Reuters wirephoto)

Blazing refinery

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 19, (Reuters): A Shell refinery in Hamburg harbour damaged by explosions and fire yesterday will shut down for the time being, a Shell spokesman said today.

The spokesman said damage worth millions of marks had been caused, but he could not say how long it would be necessary to keep the refinery closed.

Orders were being filled by extra deliveries from Shell's Cologne refinery and by purchases from other companies.

One worker was killed in the fire, which started with an explosion in the central pump station of the Deutsche Shell AG plant. The refinery, owned by the West German subsidiary of Royal Dutch/Shell Group, processes up to 86,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

Meanwhile, multinational oil giant Royal Dutch/Shell Group urged South Africa yesterday to end apartheid now or risk missing its last chance for peaceful change.

"The opportunity for change has never been more real than it is now," said John Kilroe, executive chairman of the group's South African subsidiary.

Kilroe advised the Johannesburg government to abolish all apartheid laws, free Nelson Mandela and other jailed black leaders and allow black exiles to return for negotiations.

Gold down

Banks try in vain to suppress the dollar

LONDON, May 19, (Reuters): Western central banks tried again today to force the dollar down but markets paid no heed to their intervention.

The dollar dipped slightly when banks sold the currency in a concerted attack on its strength but it rebounded quickly to around 1.9695 marks from an opening 1.9654.

A buying spree, meanwhile, pushed the London Financial Times 100-share index (FTSE) above 2,200 points for the first time since the October 1987 crash. Shares on Wall Street also advanced.

The FTSE shrugged off news that British inflation is running at an annual rate of eight per cent, up from 7.9 per cent in March. The news had been anticipated because of a leak to the media last evening.

The index closed 27.4 points higher at 2,204.7. Construction stocks rallied after a government announcement yesterday that it is to double spending on roads.

All week the dollar has hit or hovered around its highest levels against the mark for 2-1/2 years, to the consternation of the US Federal Reserve and its European counterparts.

Today, as yesterday, the Fed and the central banks of Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Spain joined in the intervention, but to no avail.

Gold and other precious metal prices have fallen as investors switch from bullion to currency. Gold was quoted in late London trading around \$365.65 an ounce down from around \$371 yesterday.

Oil prices were a little firmer. The world's most widely traded crude, North Sea Brent blend, was quoted 20 cents higher at \$17.50 a barrel for July loading.

Energy talks

Sheikh Ali meets Watkins

WASHINGTON, May 19, (KUNA): Economic relations between the United States and Kuwait and the situation in the world oil markets were the main subjects of discussion here yesterday when Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa met his American counterpart Energy Secretary James Watkins.

The meeting at Watkins' office was also attended by Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Sand Nasir Al Sabah. Sheikh Ali, on his second day of talks here, earlier in the day went to Capitol Hill for a meeting with congressmen Lee Hamilton, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East.

The discussion there focused on the situation in the Gulf and the peace negotiations between Iran and Iraq. The Middle East peace process, the situation in Lebanon, and economic issues were also discussed, according to congressional sources.

Sheikh Ali was the guest of honour at a working lunch at the State Department, hosted by acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Paul Hare.

After the lunch, the Kuwaiti minister held a half-hour meeting with Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger to discuss bilateral and regional political issues.

Sheikh Ali is expected to wind up his three days of talks today before leaving for official visits to Venezuela and Ecuador to discuss oil-related and OPEC questions.

Sheikh Ali is expected to arrive in Quito next week for talks with his Ecuadorian counterpart Diego Tamayoz on oil co-operation between Kuwait and Ecuador.

The visit comes in response to an invitation extended to Sheikh Ali. Meanwhile, Iranian Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Azadeh, who is now on an official visit to Venezuela, will arrive in Quito today for oil and energy talks with Ecuadorian energy officials.

a day hiked by 50 per cent.

WAM made no mention of that demand in its report.

"OPEC and the oil market are now passing through a favourable trend created by the rise of oil prices to the level of OPEC's reference price and the increasing demand for OPEC crude oil to levels exceeding its official production quota," WAM noted.

Hard work all the way

Oriental chief to leave shortly

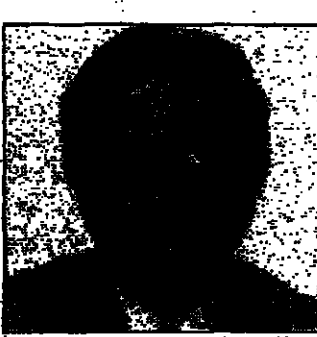
PREM KUMAR MANKAD, the resident manager of the Oriental Insurance Company has been transferred after completing his tenure in Kuwait for more than 5 years.

During his stay in Kuwait, he took Oriental out of the red and made it grow and prosper by leaps and bounds. Mankad took charge of Kuwait office with a business figure of KD65,000 only as at September 1983 for that year. Since then, there was no looking back.

Oriental was the lowest ranked insurance company then. Today, it is one of the two largest amongst the foreign-based companies operating in Kuwait.

In 1988, Oriental completed a gross premium-income of approx. KD1.7 million as compared to KD100,000 for the year 1983. During his tenure the company has grown almost seven-fold times with an improved working in its over-all performance.

It was his personal achievement to select and organise the change of Oriental's chief



Prem Kumar Mankad

agents from Yacoub Abdul Aziz Al Rashed to M/s. Bader Al Mulla & Bros Co., effective January 1, 1986, and that has been instrumental in giving an impetus to the growth of Oriental's business in Kuwait.

Mankad is an M.A. from Punjab University and an Associate of the Federation of Insurance Institutes, Bombay (India). He entered insurance by joining Sterling General Insurance Co in 1967 as a trainee-executive and in 1968 was posted to Kathmandu (Nepal) as acting resident officer. "Sterling General" merged with

"Oriental" in January 1, 1973 after nationalisation of the general insurance industry by the Government of India.

Mankad has worked at various administrative/managerial positions in the company. He was senior divisional manager in India before he was posted at Kuwait in 1983, and because of his achievements here, was promoted to the rank of manager.

He is likely to be posted as regional manager-in-charge of a region in India which controls on an average 15-20 divisional offices and 60 to 70 branch offices.

He is one of the youngest officers at this cadre in his company.

R.C. Kohli, who is presently senior divisional manager of the company at Lucknow (India) is to take charge of Kuwait office from Mankad and is expected to arrive during the last week of this month. Mankad is leaving for India in June, to join initially the company's head office before taking up his next assignment.

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Satellite TV war takes shape over UK

LONDON, May 19, (Reuters): The battle between media magnates Rupert Murdoch and Robert Maxwell for supremacy in Britain's satellite television industry has taken a new twist because not as many people are tuning in as had been expected.

Media analysts say it is shaping up into a test of staying power from which only one station will survive.

"Satellite TV has always been for investors with very deep pockets," said Robert Ollenschlag, a consultant at Citic Research.

"It is a high risk, high reward business, added Bruce Jones, leisure analyst with broker Kitcat and Aitken.

Australian-born Murdoch's four-channel Sky Television, launched in February as Europe's first major direct-to-homes satellite TV service, has had to scale down radically its audience targets because of slack sales of receiver dishes.

But the real struggle for market share is not due to kick off until September when Maxwell's three-channel British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) takes to the air.

Even that launch is in danger of being delayed by technical hitches, analysts said.

Launch

"The problem for BSB, of course, is how far they can afford to delay," said Graham Wild with consultants Logica PLC.

"If BSB doesn't manage a launch by Christmas, its future looks pretty black," he said.

It greatly needs the boost it could get from the traditional Christmas surge in consumer spending on electronic products.

A delay could pose problems for BSB's plans to raise £400 million (\$76 million) later this year.

Sky on Tuesday gained some much needed additional viewers through a five-year deal with Maxwell's private Maxwell Cable TV, taking Sky channels into 50,000 more homes.

Sky also suffered a setback as it sued Walt Disney Co. of the United States for \$1.5 billion for alleged breach of contract over its plans to broadcast the Disney channel.

Sky's initial audiences compare well with the early days of other consumer electronic products like videos and colour TVs.

But the company has had to recast its early confident forecast of attracting viewers in at least 1.15 million homes in the first year.

By last weekend, after early months blighted by shortages in the shops of receiving equipment and with consumers confused by the array of new technology, Sky's management admitted 500,000 to 750,000 homes was now a more realistic target.

"In the excitement we were ambitious with our estimates," Sky's joint managing director Paul Mastandrea said in a recent interview. But she was adamant the group would persevere.

"We are prepared to invest and spend throughout the next year to whatever level it takes to launch this company. Only one of us will succeed," she said.

IBS to launch training on banking services

KUWAIT, May 19, (KUNA): Kuwait Institute of Banking Studies is to launch tomorrow a training programme on "marketing of banking services," which will last until May 24.

The programme, to be attended by the marketing managers in banks and Kuwaiti financial institutions, will help participants in improving their knowledge in planning and monitoring the marketing activities and will give them new ideas on decision-making in the marketing fields.

The programme will centre on a number of important topics including marketing data analysis, relations between the marketing strategy and means followed, marketing information system, and planning and monitoring of marketing activities, in addition to strategic operations concerning banking and financial services.

Junk fax gets regulatory attention

NEW YORK, May 19, (AP): Facsimile machines are proliferating and with them come unsolicited fax ads and messages. But already one state in the United States has banned "junk fax" and others are considering similar measures.

Opposition comes from direct-mail and electronic marketing firms, which frequently are armed with fax telephone number lists and automatic dialling machines.

A spokesman for the group that sparked the blizzard of fax messages to the two governors said Wednesday he never expected so many responses.

World Bank puts more emphasis on quality of life

ISTANBUL, May 19, (Reuters): World Bank president Barber Conable said yesterday the bank was implementing a new policy which sought to end poverty and increase the quality of life in countries it helps.

Conable, winding up a four-day visit, said Turkey would be among countries benefiting from the new emphasis which tied loans to market-oriented policies and to policies seeking to improve such things as health and education.

"Early in the 1980s we worked almost entirely on economic growth, but ... (now) our major intention is to reduce poverty... to increase the quality of life," he told Reuters in an interview.

Conable said the bank, which used to tie its loans for countries like Turkey to monetary considerations, introduced the policy-switch six months ago.

While his wife Charlotte visited nearby squatter settlements, Conable himself held talks in Ankara during which a new \$75 million loan to improve Turkish health services was finalised.

"That type of long-term invest-

ment we are doing more than we used to," he said.

The Washington-based World Bank was set up in 1946 to channel aid to developing countries.

Conable voiced satisfaction with Turkey's economic progress but said it needed to show more economic discipline.

"The internal (budgetary) discipline flagged here during 1987 and early 1988. They are beginning to work back into a more satisfactory economic condition, but it will take lots of help and discipline," he said.

A lack of discipline in controlling spending in Turkey's state-dominated economy helped push inflation to a post-1980 peak of 87.5 per cent in 1988.

Turkey had cut its non-military foreign debt to \$37.7 billion by the end of 1988 from \$8.3 billion a year earlier.

Turkish Treasury officials said Turkey, which now raises money with ease on world markets, intended to move away from World Bank loans that helped it recover from a painful debt rescheduling in 1980-82.

But the World Bank remains Turkey's biggest creditor and

Worst of US inflation pick-up may be over

WASHINGTON, May 19, (Reuters): Although US consumer prices took their biggest leap in more than two years last month, the worst of the current inflationary wave may be over, economists said.

Driven by a record surge in energy costs, the consumer price index rose a steep 0.7 per cent in April after a substantial 0.5 per cent March rise, the Labour Department said yesterday. It was the largest monthly gain since January 1987.

But economists said last month's increase may have been the peak in the

current inflationary rise that began last year.

"I can see the peak in the upwave of inflation," said economist Allen Sinai of the Boston Co., an investment management firm. "Once this wave of energy inflation passes — and April was the worst of it — we will see an average lower rate of inflation."

Energy prices soared a record 5.1 per cent in April, accounting for 60 per cent of the overall rise in consumer prices, the

department said. A record 11.4 per cent jump in gasoline prices last month was mostly to blame for the rise.

Economists are expecting at most one more month of steep energy price increases as the onset of the summer driving season and tight supplies of gasoline exacerbates increases that have already occurred in crude oil prices.

"I think we may see another month of pretty large energy price increases," said economist Kathryn Kobe of Joel Popkin

and Co., a Washington consulting firm. With the April advance, the annual rate of increase in the consumer price index, the most widely cited inflation gauge, has been a seasonally adjusted 6.6 per cent so far this year, compared with annual gains of 4.4 per cent in 1988 and in 1987.

But economists are not expecting a dramatic slowdown in inflation, even though the economy has shown signs of cooling off after more than a year of rising interest rates which were engineered by the Federal Reserve Board to curb inflation.

that energy prices are not going to rise any more."

The benchmark 30-year bond was down 5/32 to 100-18/32, lifting its yield to 8.81 per cent from 8.80 per cent, and the dollar was at 1.9765 marks, compared with the day's high of 1.9850 and 1.9715 at Wednesday's close.

So far this year, consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted 6.6 per cent annual rate, compared with annual gains of 4.4 per cent last year and in 1987.

'Reform plan comprehensive'

Jordan tackles economic crisis

AMMAN, May 19, (Reuters): Jordan, hit by price riots in April, is tackling its economic crisis bravely and will get sustained IMF support if it implements agreed reforms, an IMF official said.

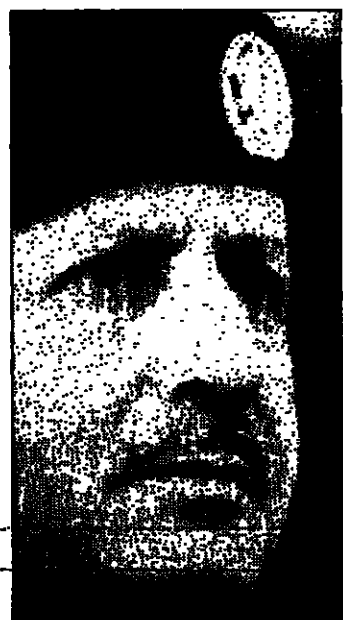
"Jordan's reform programme is courageous and comprehensive," Shaalan, an Egyptian, director of the International Monetary Fund's Middle East department, told Reuters in an interview.

"We have little doubt of their understanding of what needs to be done and that they will carry it out in a sustainable way."

Shaalan, an Egyptian, said Jordan, a country of about three million people, had a foreign debt of \$8 billion. Payments of just over one billion are due this year but the repayment burden will ease slightly in 1990, he said.

Bankers say the debt amounts to more than 225 per cent of the resource-poor kingdom's gross domestic product (GDP).

The previous government led by Zeid Al Rifai, who resigned after the riots in which 11 people were killed, publicly estimated



Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker the foreign debt at \$6 to \$6.5 billion.

The new government of Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker has released no details on public finances since it

took office on April 27. Bankers say military spending accounts for about half the debt.

Shaalan, in Amman for talks with the government, said the IMF management approved a letter of intent on Jordan's reform plan about 10 days ago. It would be presented to the fund's executive board at the end of June or beginning of July.

Disbursement of IMF facilities worth about \$125 million could then begin and Jordan could apply to the Paris Club of creditors to reschedule government-guaranteed debt.

Shaalan said Jordan began the reform process itself. After talks in March and April, the IMF agreed to back the plan with its resources and help with rescheduling.

It was also hoped that friendly countries would give Jordan additional help over and above debt rescheduling, he said.

Arab donors have announced no new aid for Jordan since a 10-year pact, under which they were to pay \$1.25 billion a year, expired last year.

Estonia, Lithuania vote economic independence

MOSCOW, May 19, (Reuters): The parliaments of Soviet Estonia and Lithuania have declared their republics' economic independence from the Kremlin in a move likely to put them on a collision course with Moscow.

The moves came at parliamentary sessions yesterday as Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev returned from the Sino-Soviet summit, itself overshadowed by Chinese anti-government protests and demands for more democracy.

In the latest stage in a drive towards self-rule by the once-independent Baltic republics, deputies approved measures giving their governments full control of their budgets and all industry on their territory.

In Estonia, this will include introduction of a new currency, the koru, to replace the rouble, local journalists said. The question of a new currency was left open in Lithuania.

The Lithuanian parliament, following the example of Estonia last November, voted itself the right to refuse to apply particular Soviet laws on its territory and made a declaration of "Lithuanian state sovereignty."

Before order to the capital, Vilnius, said crowds waving the recently reinstated red, yellow and green flag of pre-1940 independent Lithuania thronged the streets to celebrate after the session ended

Smuggling ring broken up

Four suspects arrested

MIAMI, May 19, (Reuters): The US customs service said yesterday that it arrested four suspects and broke up one of the biggest smuggling rings involved in illegally shipping US high-technology equipment to the Soviet bloc.

The final destination for many of the computer systems, which are capable of being used to launch missiles and run military radar systems, was the Soviet Union, according to US officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The customs service said in a statement that the ring spanned a dozen countries and illegally shipped or attempted to divert to the Soviet bloc tens of millions of dollars worth of computer systems over the past few years.

"Our information shows there was a network of individuals, a fairly large network, that was smuggling some of America's most highly sought-after and most valuable high technology," customs spokesman Michael Sheehan said.

Three American suspects, Steve Smylie, his wife Carole, and Jerry Blalock, were arrested in Houston, Texas, and a fourth, Rick Parish, was taken into custody in Dallas.

An arrest warrant was issued for Warren Weinstein, a Canadian living in Toronto, and authorities in Europe were also seeking an unnamed Belgian citizen suspected of being the ringleader.

The customs service said a 15-month investigation by the Miami contingent of "Operation Exodus" revealed that the ring was one of the biggest involved in illegally shipping high technology to the Soviet bloc.

In Colorado Springs, Colorado, customs agents seized two Digital Equipment Corp.

in the late evening.

The government of the Soviet

Union continues to ignore the

aspirations of Lithuania for

economic independence," the

declaration said, adding that

Lithuania was "forcibly and

illegally annexed to the Soviet

Union in 1940."

The Supreme Soviet of Lithuania

sees a way out of the

present situation only in the

restoration of state sovereignty

which ... can be implemented

only under conditions of free

self-determination," it said.

The messages O'Neill received came from

businesses that had received "fax fliers" from

the National Fax Users Committee of Mission Viejo, California.

Bonn marks 40th birthday with prosperity and worries

No plan to boost lending rates

BONN, May 19, (Reuters): West Germany marks its 40th birthday this month basking in prosperity, hoping for a new detente in Europe and worrying about topics ranging from the environment to right-wing radicalism.

Bonn, the Rhineland town chosen as the new state's capital, plans a festive ceremony to honour the constitution that built a parliamentary democracy on the ashes of Nazi dictatorship.

War rubble and refugees scarred the face of the land when the constitution was passed on May 23, 1949 creating a country out of zones occupied by the United States, Britain and France at the end of World War Two.

The Soviet zone became communist East Germany in October 1949 and penned its citizens behind the so-called iron curtain and later the Berlin wall. It has never approached the prosperity of West Germany, despite achieving the best standard of living in the East bloc.

Speakers here will make much of the "economic miracle" that turned a nation devastated by World War Two into a model of inflation-free affluence and a leading exporter.

This country of 61 million people boasts

high productivity despite the world's shortest work week in some industrial sectors. An exhaustive social net ensures virtually no one goes without food or a roof over his head.

But in contrast to previous national sentiment, both in a more assertive foreign policy and a backlash by right-wingers against what they say is an excessive number of foreigners here.

The changed foreign policy, which pits Bonn against the United States for the first time, was sparked by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and his dizzying campaign for East-West disarmament and change in the communist bloc.

As Gorbachev's reforms have eased East-West confrontation, front-line West Germany has begun exploring how this change can help overcome the post-war split that left about one-third of the German people in East Germany.

So Bonn has gone off on a tangent within NATO, calling for East-West talks on reducing short-range nuclear missiles in Europe despite strong opposition from Washington and London.

Whether the split is mended by NATO's own 40th anniversary later this month or not,

Bonn's new line has brought to the fore its concern about the continued division of Europe.

"We are the ones sitting on the line between West and East," explained Fred Oldenburg of the Federal Institute for East European and International Studies in Cologne.

Contacts

"We have no security without NATO. But at the same time, we need the Soviet's goodwill for contacts with East Germany and access to West Berlin."

Contacts with East Germany have multiplied since former Chancellor Willy Brandt normalised relations in 1972 in an agreement that allowed for "two states of the German nation."

The Bundesbank, the West German central bank, yesterday decided not to increase its lending rates, a decision that was immediately followed by a further increase in the value of the dollar against the Deutschmark.

The Bundesbank's policy-making Central Council met yesterday to decide whether an increase of the Lombard and discount rates — that were already raised twice this year — would help strengthen the Deutschmark against the dollar.



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Interesting and original cross over in styles

African pop music hits US airwaves



Carte de Sejour: A Rai pop group from Algeria

By Amy Duncan

NEW YORK: When Paul Simon recorded his 1986 album, *Graceland*, his highly acclaimed collaboration with South African musicians, he surely never imagined the ripple effect it would have. Although other Western pop artists, notably David Byrne and Peter Gabriel, have flirted with African styles, it has only been since the release of *Graceland* that the field has opened wide in the United States. There's been a deluge of new recordings by bands not only from South Africa, but from Zimbabwe, Zaire, Senegal and other countries.

Radio has also begun to pick up the trend, and African pop music is beginning to find its way onto US airwaves. One of the best programmes that brings African music to American audiences is National Public Radio's "Afropop" series.

The programme, which began last October and runs for a year on 123 stations, is an enjoyable, rich, descriptive, and often amusing overview of some of the best examples of African popular music.

These include South African disco, township mbaqanga, traditional sounds gone electric, religious choral music, Zairian dance music, various guitar styles — something for every listener.

"Afropop's" producer, Sean Barlow, who heads an independent company called World Music Productions, is well aware of Africa's musical history as well as the newer musical trends across the continent.

He studied West African traditional drumming in Wesleyan University's world-music programme in the '70s, and then produced a world-music show on public radio in Alaska, while he worked as a commercial fisherman and in various fish packing plants.

With the money he saved from his fishing jobs, Barlow went to Africa to collect material for an "Afropop" pilot. Not long after, "Afropop" became a reality.

"Afropop" is meant to be entertaining and fun," said Barlow in an interview, "but also to give people the context where this music comes from. The concept is to let Africans introduce their own music."

Role

Not only do they introduce their music, but they talk about its role in social and political problems, particularly in South Africa. For example, South African guitarist Ray Phiri, who played on the *Graceland* album and whose songs have been banned in South Africa, told "Afropop" listeners: "Once somebody hates my song, then I feel good, because it brings out the best in him — it's like a mirror to him. They wouldn't ban it if there was not truth in it."

The programme's lively host, Georges Collinet, adds his own comments and observations, such as "Tribally based music gets a mixed reception in South Africa. The South African government has used tribal differences to separate and divide South African blacks, and many urban blacks look down on tribal culture as old-fashioned and limiting, even though these cultures are rich and beautiful." Such is life in South Africa.

Collinet is well-known for his radio programmes

in both French and English. Originally from Cameroon, Collinet lived for a long time in Paris — a centre for African pop music — and now resides in Washington, DC. "I worked with African musicians in Paris," said Collinet in an interview, "and I always thought they had tremendous potential, even though Africans don't always realise what they have, because it's so natural. But the musicians are frustrated because their music is going to a very limited audience, which is usually the African audiences."

Referring to Paul Simon's *Graceland*, Collinet remarked, "That was the initial step, and it was fantastic for African musicians. But it's very limited, because it's only one style of African music — South African. It is exciting music, but there are other things out there that are just as fantastic."

Although jazz, rock, and disco have been popular in Africa for a long time, in recent years African musicians have gotten away from simply imitating American musicians. Now they're reaching back to their roots, and creating some interesting and original crossover on styles.

Both Collinet and Barlow point out that the music of Africa is much more diverse than that of the US, and is a more integral part of daily life. African music is always connected to dancing, visual art, theatre, and religious worship, which makes it hard to present on radio.

Nonetheless, Collinet manages to draw a vivid picture for listeners. On "Afropop," you get a cross-section of styles, from traditional to urbanised contemporary — from the rich vocal harmonies of South Africa to the rumbas of Zaire, to the singularly Middle Eastern vocal style of Islam-dominated Senegal, and everything in between.

The artists include some who are quite well-known in the US, like Nigerian juju master King Sunny Ade, South African vocalist Miriam Makeba, and Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour. But the vast majority are unfamiliar to US audiences, but "Afropop" hopes to change all that!

The "Afropop" series offers a free listener's guide, containing an introduction to African music; a glossary of African musical terms; a list of related books and magazines; and a map showing where the various artists come from; a discography; and even a list of clubs and record stores.

This year's series will be followed by a new programme, "Worldpop," which will include live recordings of African and Caribbean music from Paris, London, and New York.

An 'Afropop' glossary

- Highlife:** Dance music from Ghana and eastern Nigeria. Very popular in West Africa from 1940s-'60s.
- Jiti:** Vocal and percussion music from Zimbabwe, modernised by Bhundu Boys, James Chimombe, and others.
- Juju:** Popular music of the Yorubas from Nigeria, featuring "talking" drums.
- Kora:** 21-string harp-lute played in Mali, Gambia, Guinea, and Senegal. Associated with Mandingo culture.
- Mbalax:** Percussion music from Senegal, modernised by Youssou N'Dour and others.
- Mbaqanga:** South African township music popular from the mid-'60s, also called "township jive."
- Mbira:** Traditional thumb piano of the Shona people in Zimbabwe.
- Rai:** Pop music from Algeria.
- Soukous:** Generic term for modern Zairean dance music.
- Zekete zekete:** Dance popularised by Zairean musician Zaiko Langa Langa in the mid-'80s.
- Zouk:** Modern hi-tech Antillean music.
- 1989, Christian Science Monitor.

Jody Watley hits No. 1 on US charts

Kylie Minogue bumped into second place in UK

NEW YORK, (AP): *Real Love*, carried Jody Watley to the top of the pop single record charts in the United States. The hit disc hopped up from second place a week ago.

I'll Be There For You by Bon Jovi slipped from number one to third position on the Cash Box magazine chart, and Paula Abdul's *Forever Your Girl* moved up from fourth to second.

Last week's number three hit, Madonna's *Like A Prayer*, went down one notch to fourth.

Soaring fast on the top 10 list this week were *Rock On* by Michael Damian, up from 12th to 5th, and *Soldier Of Love* by Donny Osmond, up from 15th to 6th.

Another newcomer to the top 10 was *Electric Youth* by Debbie Gibson, up from 13th to 9th.

If I Had You by Alabama stayed on for the second week in a row as number one on the Cash Box magazine Country-and-Western singles chart. *Is It Still Over?* by Randy Travis was second, and *After All This Time* by Rodney Crowell was third.

Top Ten US

The top ten singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) *Real Love* — Jody Watley (MCA).
2. (4) *Forever Your Girl* — Paula Abdul (Virgin).
3. (1) *I'll Be There For You* — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
4. (3) *Like A Prayer* — Madonna (Sire).
5. (12) *Rock On* — Michael Damian (Cypress).
6. (15) *Soldier Of Love* — Donny Osmond (Capitol).
7. (9) *After All* — Cher and Peter Cetera (Geffen).
8. (8) *Cult Of Personality* — Living Colour (EPIC).
9. (13) *Electric Youth* — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).
10. (16) *Patience Gums n' Roses* (Geffen).

The Top Ten Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) *If I Had You* — Alabama (RCA).
2. (3) *Is It Still Over?* — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).



Judds Curb-RCA).

6. (4) *Don't Toss Us Away* — Patty Loveless (MCA).
7. (11) *Where Did I Go Wrong* — Steve Wariner (MCA).
8. (6) *Tell It Like It Is* — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
9. (16) *The Gospel According To Luke* — Skip Ewing (MCA).
10. (17) *She Don't Love Nobody* — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).

In London, a re-release of *Ferry Across The Mersey*, the 1964 hit by Gerry and the Pacemakers, came from off the charts to top the British pop singles chart this week.

Paul McCartney, Gerry Marsden and other singers from Liverpool on the River Mersey re-recorded the song to raise money for survivors and relatives of the 93 Liverpool soccer fans crushed to death last month in Britain's worst sports disaster.

Australian Kylie Minogue's *Hand On Your Heart* was bumped into second place, followed by *Requiem* by the London Boys, *Miss You Like Crazy* by Natalie Cole and Queen's *I Want It All*.

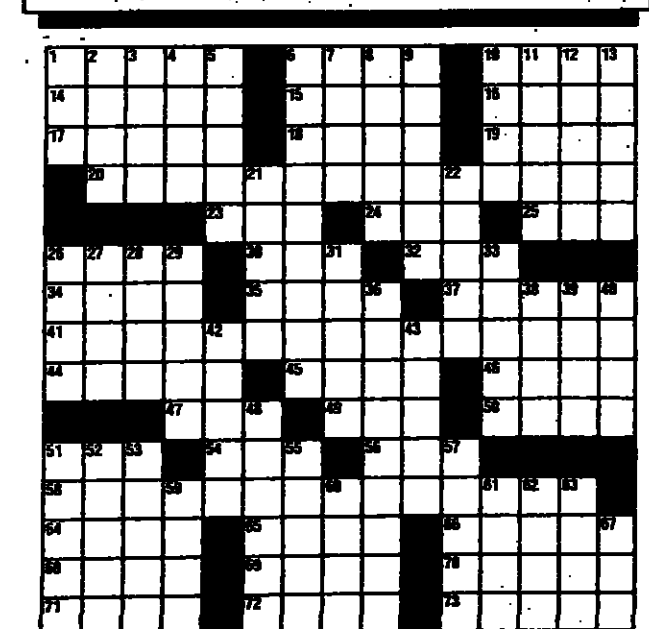
Also making its first appearance in the top 10 this week — at seventh place — is *I'm Every Woman* by Chaka Khan.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (7) *Ferry 'Cross The Mersey* — Various Artists (PWL).
2. (1) *Hand On Your Heart* — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
3. (4) *Requiem* — London Boys (Teldec-WEA).
4. (5) *Miss You Like Crazy* — Natalie Cole (EMI-USA).
5. (3) *I Want It All* — Queen (Parlophone).
6. (6) *Bring Me Edelweiss* — Edelweiss (WEA).
7. (11) *I'm Every Woman* — Chaka Khan (Warner Brothers).
8. (2) *Eternal Flame* — Bangles (CBS).
9. (9) *Beds Are Burning* — Midnight Oil (CBS).
10. (7) *Beds Are Burning* — Midnight Oil (CBS).
11. (10) *Who's In The House* — Beatmasters with Merlin (Rhythm King).

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Shapes
 - 6 Island dance
 - 10 Brush partner
 - 14 Approximately
 - 15 Blue flag
 - 16 Affirm
 - 17 Same
 - 18 Farmer's locale
 - 19 Manufactured
 - 20 "Cocktails" for kiddies
 - 23 — culpa
 - 24 Glimpse
 - 25 Pre-college exam
 - 26 Western art colony
 - 30 Grain beard
 - 32 School org.
 - 34 Sailing girl
 - 35 Je ne — quoi
 - 37 Place for a wedding
 - 41 "The Turning Point" actress
 - 44 Popular aquarium fish
 - 45 Bristle
 - 46 Resting places
 - 47 Quick to learn
 - 49 Have an after-theater meal
 - 50 Shipshape
 - 51 Query
 - 54 Sea bird
 - 56 Shad delicacy
 - 58 "The Hard Blue Sky" author
 - 64 Ashen
 - 65 Jal —
 - 66 Employee's reward
 - 68 Perry's creator
 - 69 Ripped
 - 70 West German port
 - 71 Highlands loch
 - 72 Snick —
 - 73 Boris and Nicholas
- DOWN**
- 1 Passing fancy
 - 2 Kimono
 - 3 The Ghost Writer's author
 - 4 Maestro
 - 5 Rage
 - 6 Secluded spots
 - 7 Chemist Harold
 - 8 Tripping tunes
 - 9 Dormant
 - 10 Vacationer's choice
 - 11 Driveways, at times
 - 12 Euripides protagonist
 - 13 Britney seaport
 - 14 Reader's contract
 - 22 "Full — jacket"
 - 26 Trial
 - 27 Court figure
 - 28 Pass over
 - 29 Missionary
 - 31 French city with Roman antiquities
 - 33 Actor Delon
 - 36 Gloomy and taciturn
 - 38 Prong
 - 39 "The King and I" heroine
 - 40 Staff symbol
 - 42 Jacket feature
 - 43 Succulent fowl
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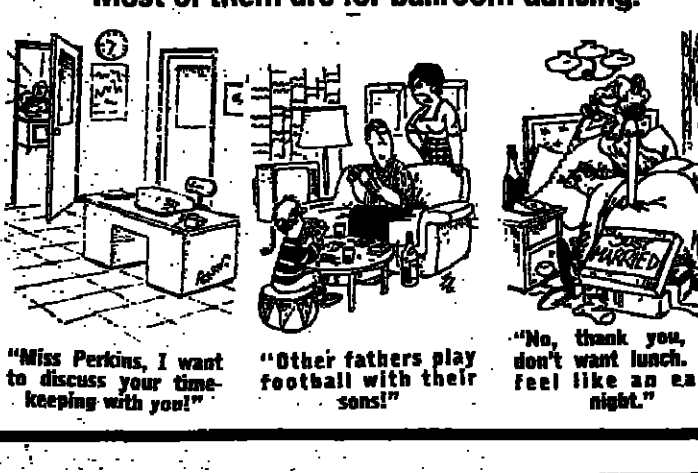
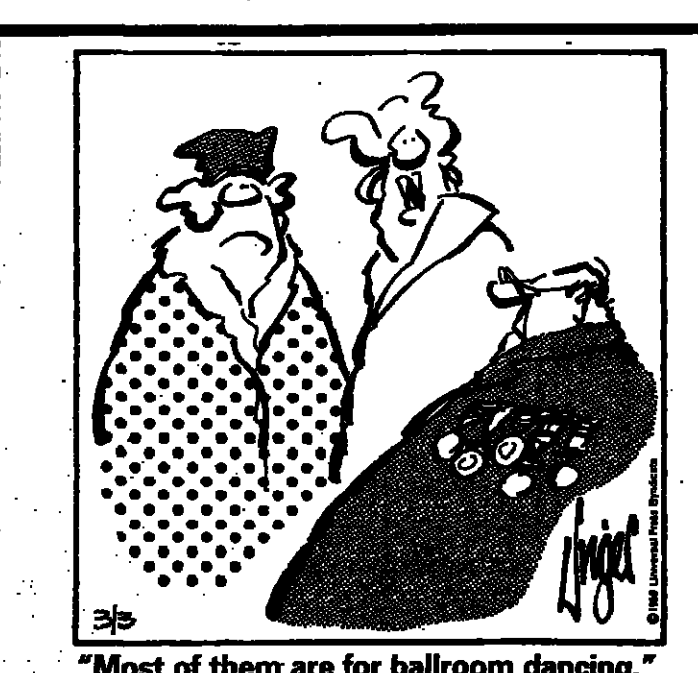


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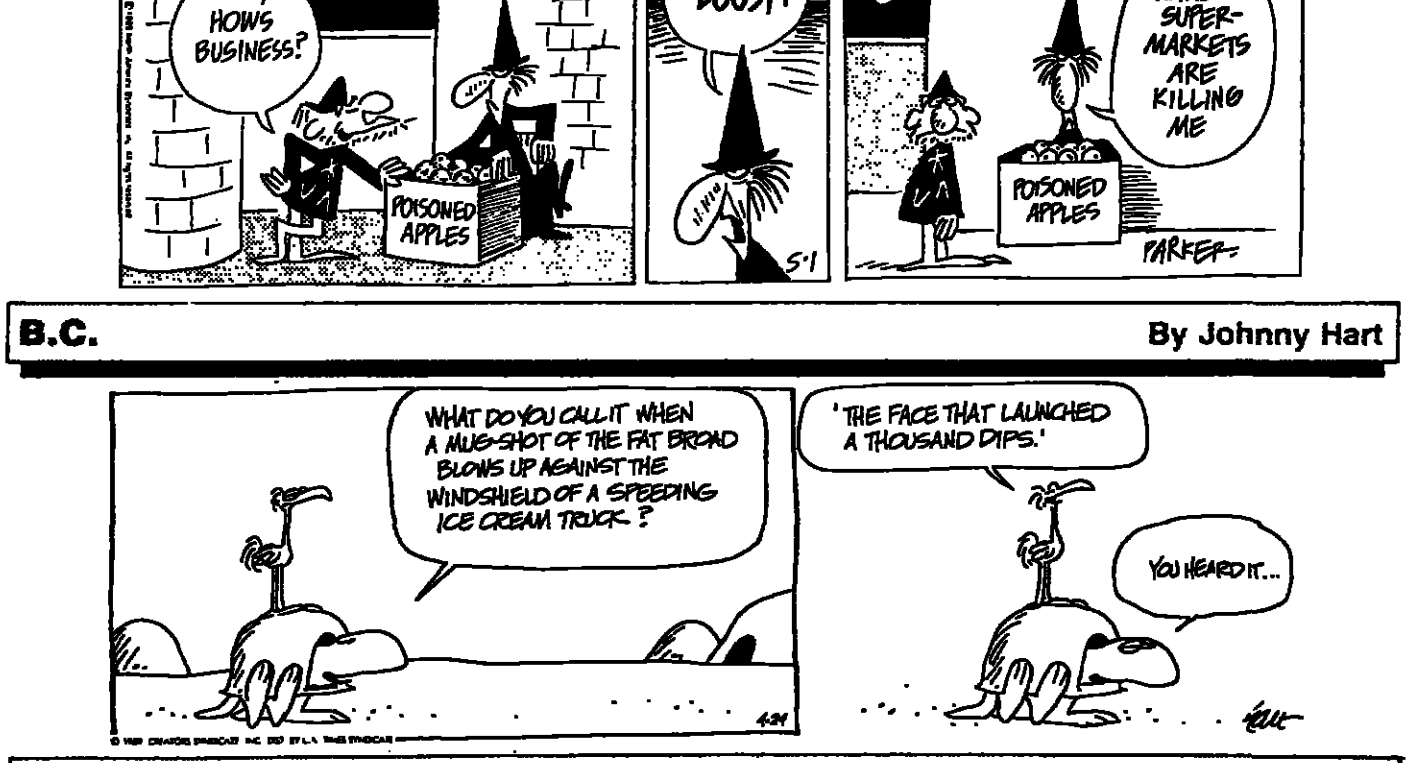
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What do you bid now?
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The bidding has proceeded:
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What action do you take?
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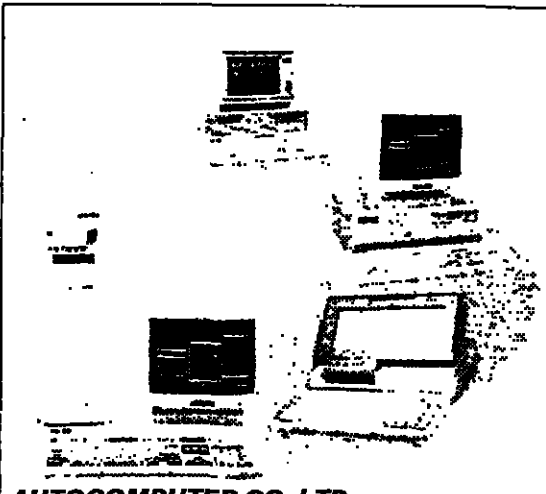
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Wimbledon hold Arsenal to 2-2 draw

LONDON, May 19, (Reuters): Arsenal's English soccer title challenge faltered again on Wednesday when they were held 2-2 at home by Wimbledon.

After Saturday's home defeat by Derby and Liverpool's 2-0 victory over Queens Park Rangers on Tuesday, Arsenal badly needed three points against Wimbledon in their penultimate First-Division game.

But they had to settle for one which moved them level with Liverpool on 73 points, and back on top of the table by virtue of having scored more goals than the champions.

However, Liverpool have a game in hand, at home to relegation-troubled West Ham on Tuesday.

Victory for Liverpool would leave Arsenal having to beat the Merseysiders on their home ground, possibly by a substantial margin, in the climax to the season on May 26.

Although Liverpool have also to face tomorrow's FA Cup final with Everton in a highly demanding run-in to the season following the Hillsborough disaster, they look firm favourites to land the title for an unequalled 18th time.

After the Derby defeat, Arsenal manager George Graham appealed for a more controlled, patient approach.

It paid off when former Wimbledon full-back Nigel Winterburn pointed the way with a superb 14th minute strike, rifling a 25-metre right-foot shot into the top corner when Roger Joseph misdirected a clearance.

But Wimbledon fought back and were rewarded after 31 minutes.

A disputed corner found its way to Dennis Wise and when he centred for the second time Alan Cork beat John Lukic with a glancing header.

Arsenal went ahead again in the 49th minute when Paul Merson volleyed a spectacular right-foot goal.

But Wimbledon striker Paul McGee, making his debut after signing for \$120,000 from Fourth Division Colchester, made it 2-2, twisting to shoot home left-footed after Joseph had made inroads on the right.

Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Seibert produced a fine save to deny Merson a second goal four minutes from time.

Arsenal now go to Liverpool having dropped five valuable points out of the last six and in the knowledge that their last seven League visits to Anfield have ended in defeat.

Meanwhile, a double strike by Leroy Rosenior, including the fastest goal of the season, fired West Ham to a 2-1 away win over Nottingham Forest yesterday that kept alive their hopes of avoiding relegation from the English First Division.

West Ham, 19th in the 20-team division from which the bottom three go down, must win their last match against Liverpool at Anfield to stay up.

Rosenior headed his first goal after just 19 seconds and added a second in the 17th minute, both from the creative touches of Liam Brady.

Lee Chapman headed third-placed Forest back into contention in the 31st minute from a cross by Tommy Gaynor, and West Ham had to survive a second-half bombardment to secure their surprise victory.

Maradona guides Napoli to victory

Argentine star realises ambition in UEFA Cup

STUTTGART, West Germany, May 19, (Reuters): Diego Maradona realised his ambition to turn Napoli into a European soccer power when he guided them to a 5-4 aggregate victory over VfB Stuttgart in the UEFA Cup final on Wednesday.

The star of Argentina's 1986 World Cup triumph gained his Italian club the first European triumph as he superbly laid on two goals in a 3-3 second-leg draw that followed Napoli's 2-1 win in the home leg two weeks ago.

An individual effort by Brazilian international Alemao gave the Italians a 1-0 lead in the 18th minute. Striker Juergen Klinsmann equalised for VfB nine minutes later with a header.



Napoli's Ferrara runs off the pitch with the UEFA Cup. (Reuters wirephoto)

but Maradona's two pieces of perfect opportunism, setting up goals for defender Ciro Ferrara and Brazilian striker Careca either side of halftime, dashed the Germans' hope.

Napoli defender Fernando de Napoli, deflected Maurizio Gaudino's shot into his own net and Olaf Schmeier scrambled two late goals for the host club but it was not enough to stop Napoli celebrating the most memorable night in their history.

Maradona, who in five years has lifted Napoli from being an average First Division side to their first Italian championship and now to international success, picked out Ferrara in a crowded penalty area with a deft cross in the 39th minute.

Then in the 62nd minute he broke away on his own to give Careca the easy task of slotting into an empty net.

His teammates and Italian photographers lifted Maradona onto their shoulders at the end of an exciting 90 minutes and the 10,000 Italian fans who travelled to this southern German city joined in the celebrations.

Maradona was the architect of most of Napoli's play, laying off long balls from midfield and intelligently dropping back into defence when other players went forward.

The Argentine, whose girlfriend gave birth to a second daughter in Buenos Aires just 24 hours before the match, said he was celebrating two great moments in his life.

"This is a double celebration — becoming a father and this great victory," he said.

"Before this match I prayed for us to win and we did. Even my eldest daughter rang me up to wish me luck beforehand."

Klinsmann and Icelandic midfielder Asger Sigurvinsson, at 34 playing what could be his last major international club final, were VfB's outstanding players.



A screaming Maradona (left) celebrates the UEFA Cup victory. (Reuters wirephoto)



A triumphant Naples team, celebrating the goal of Ferrara (left). (Reuters wirephoto)

VfB Stuttgart: Eike Immel, maeler, Karl Allgoewer, Fritz Walter (Olaf Schmeier 78th minute), Jurgen Klinsmann, Asger Sigurvinsson, Maurizio

Gaudino. Napoli: Giuliano Giuliani, Ciro Ferrara, Giovanni Francini, Giancarlo Corradini.

Gangster pays for love of soccer

NAPLES, Italy, May 19, (Reuters): Two years on the run ended for mafia gangster Luigi Casella when his love of soccer got the better of him.

Police said they arrested Casella, a district boss of the Naples mafia or Camorra, on Wednesday night while he was watching Napoli win the UEFA Cup on television.

A passing officer spotted Casella through the window of his ground floor apartment as he watched the match with his girlfriend. Police surrounded the area and burst in to arrest the gangster who was armed with a pistol but did not resist.

Casella, 27, convicted of numerous mafia crimes, had been on the run since 1987 when he was given a pass to leave jail for a few days.



Klinsmann screams with joy after scoring the first goal for his team. (Reuters wirephoto)

Merseyside rivals set to clash

Liverpool on threshold of new records

LONDON, May 19, (Reuters): Liverpool will be seeking the first half of an unprecedented second English League and Cup double tomorrow when they meet Merseyside rivals Everton in an FA Cup final regarded as a Hillsborough disaster memorial.

The English League champions, winners of a rare double in 1986, will become the first club to perform the feat twice if they win at Wembley and then seal a record 18th title triumph next week.

The double has been achieved only three times this century — by Tottenham in 1961, Arsenal in 1971 and Liverpool in 1986 — and only five times in all since the formation of the English Football League in 1888. A second Liverpool success in four seasons would be a lasting memorial for the 95 fans crushed to death at the Liverpool-Nottingham Forest FA Cup semifinal in Sheffield on April 15.

The fact that Everton are Liverpool's opponents tomorrow will add to the poignancy of what is sure to be an emotional occasion. The team's only previous meeting in an FA Cup final came when Liverpool won their first double in 1986.

"You cannot pick and choose your opponents, but if we could have chosen it would have been Everton," said Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish. "They have made their own contribution to the city of Liverpool. They have helped a lot of people."

"We have been through so much and I'm pleased that both clubs from the city are going to be playing each other. There was a tremendous atmosphere in 1986. The fans here are unique in that they get on so well together."

Dalglish, whose dignity and compassion earned him new respect in the traumatic aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster, has adopted a low-key build-up to the final.

He has placed the emphasis for tomorrow's match on the unification of Merseyside's fans and clubs with virtually no reference to titles, records and achievements in a week he has described as being about "not me and them, but us."

But, given his determination, professionalism and passion, Dalglish will accept nothing less than a continuation of his team's currently awesome form tomorrow as they bid for only their fourth FA Cup win.

In last year's final, they suffered a shock defeat by uncultured Wimbledon when they

were expected to stroll to victory.

The memory of that day is likely to be an added spur against Everton, particularly for Irish international striker John Aldridge whose failure with a penalty last year contributed to Liverpool's downfall.

Aldridge, who scored twice in the semifinal against Nottingham Forest when it was staged in Manchester on May 7, has hit 27 goals this season to become the First Division's top scorer and has kept Welshman Ian Rush out of the side following his return from Juventus.

His finishing ability, supplied with chances by the match-winning skills of England forwards John Barnes and Peter Beardsley, is likely to prove decisive tomorrow as Rush's was in 1986 when he scored twice in Liverpool's 3-1 win.

In Barnes, Beardsley, Ray Houghton and Ronnie Whelan, Liverpool have the vastly experienced and accomplished players to make the most of Wembley's extra spaces and pull apart whatever tactical system their rivals invent.

Probable teams:
Everton — Neville Southall, Neil McDonald, Dave Watson, Kevin Ratcliffe, Pat van den Hauwe, Pat Nevin, Trevor Steven, Paul Bracewell, Kevin Sheedy, Tony Cottee, Graeme Sharp.
Liverpool — Bruce Grobbelaar, Steve Nicol, Alan Hansen, Gary Gillespie, Steve Staunton, Ray Houghton, Steve McMahon, Ronnie Whelan, John Barnes, Peter Beardsley, John Aldridge.

Paths to the final

FOLLOWING are Everton and Liverpool's paths to Wembley for the FA Cup final:
Everton:
Third round — West Brom 1 Everton 1 (Sheedy, penalty)
Replay — Everton 1 (Sheedy) West Brom 0
Fourth round — Plymouth 1 Everton 1 (Sheedy, Pen)
Plymouth 0
Replay — Everton 4 (Sharp 2, Nevin, Sheedy)
Fifth round — Barnsley 0 Everton 1 (Sharp)
Sixth Round — Everton 1 (McCall) Wimbledon 0
Semifinal (Birmingham) — Everton 1 (Nevin) Norwich 0
Liverpool:
Third round — Carlisle 0 Liverpool 3 (Barnes, McMahon 2)
Fourth round — Millwall 0 Liverpool 2 (Aldridge, Rush)
Fifth Round — Hull 2 Liverpool 3 (Barnes, Aldridge 2)
Sixth Round — Liverpool 4 (McMahon, Barnes, Beardsley 2) Brentford 0
Semifinal (Manchester) — Liverpool 3 (Aldridge 2, Laws OG) Nottingham Forest 1.

Rangers outlast Twins

NEW YORK, May 19, (AP): Pete Incaviglia's run-scoring single with two outs in the 11th inning gave the Texas Rangers a 6-5 victory over the Minnesota Twins last night.

Julio Franco singled with two outs off reliever German Gonzalez, 3-2, stole second and scored on Incaviglia's drive in the left-center field alley.

Jeff Russell, 3-0, pitched 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief for the victory.

The hit broke an 0-for-17 slump for Incaviglia.

Minnesota tied the score in the top of the ninth on Gary Gaetti's leadoff homer off Nolan Ryan. It was Gaetti's seventh homer of the season.

Ryan allowed six hits, struck out 10 and walked three in nine innings. Ryan leads the American League with 73 strikeouts, and now has 4,843 in his career.

The Rangers took a 5-4 lead in the eighth when Rafael Palmeiro's two-out single scored pinch-runner Cecil Espy from third.

Texas tied the score 4-4 in the fourth on back-to-back solo home runs by Jim Sundberg and Jeff Kunkel, who had also homered in the first.

Oricles S. Indians 2
Bob Melvin's bases-loaded single in the 10th inning lifted Baltimore past Cleveland.

Melvin's fly ball over the drawn-in outfield scored Brady Anderson from third base.

Results
American League
Oakland 6 N.Y. Yankees 2
Baltimore 3 Cleveland 2
Texas 6 Minnesota 5
Boston 5 California 3
Seattle 9 Milwaukee 5
National League
N.Y. Mets 5 Los Angeles 3
St. Louis 2 Houston 3

Gunman fires at spectators

BEIRUT, May 19, (KUNA): Hundreds of football fans in north Lebanon were forced to leave the ground in panic when an armed spectator opened fire to protect a referee's decision to discount a goal in favour of his team, according to a police report today.

Police said the gunman killed one spectator and injured three others in yesterday's match between two local teams in the Palestinian refugee camp of Nahr Al-Bared, near Tripoli, north Lebanon.

Police said the spectators, estimated in the hundreds, fled the stand in panic when the gunman stood in anger, pulled the trigger at random, and shouted and hurled abuse at the referee, who dismissed the goal as offside.

The referee decided to cut-short the match.

GOLF

Baker-Finch shoots 65 for early lead

FT WORTH, Texas, May 19, (Reuters): Ian Baker-Finch of Australia turned in his best round on the US PGA tour this year, a five-under-par 65, to take the first-round lead in the million-dollar Colonial Golf Tournament yesterday.

Baker-Finch, who plans to play fulltime in the United States this year to establish himself as regular member of the US PGA Tour, held a one-shot lead over Isao Aoki of Japan and Fulton Allem of South Africa.

"The tour has been really good to me," he said. "I've received a lot of sponsor exemptions and I appreciate the confidence they have shown in me. I plan to play here until the end of the summer with the exception of the Scottish and British Opens."

Mike Sullivan, winner in Houston last month, and Clarence Rose were tied at three-under 67.

Severe thunderstorms hit this area on Tuesday and washed out the pro-am portion of the tournament on Wednesday, but the opening round was played under sunny skies.

Nick Faldo of Britain bogeyed two of his last five holes for a two-over-par 72, a score he shared with Tom Kite. Defending champion Larry Wadkins shot a 73, while Curtis Strange and Bob Tway were at 74.

Bradley and Haynie share top position

KINGS ISLAND, Ohio, May 19, (Reuters): Illustrious veterans Sandra Haynie and Pat Bradley both posted five-under-par rounds of 67 yesterday to share the lead after the opening 18 holes of the LPGA Championship Golf Tournament.

Haynie, a member of the LPGA Hall of Fame, and Bradley, winner of 23 tournaments, held a one-stroke lead over fellow-Americans Susie Redman and Elaine Crosby.

Five players were tied for fifth including Japan's Ayako Okamoto and Americans Patty Sheehan, Jane Geddes, Betsy King and Deb Richardson at 69.

Bradley had six birdies and one bogey over the 6,359-yard grizzly course at the Jack Nicklaus Sports Centre.

"I think the key on this course is staying in the fairway," Bradley said. "That rough is really deep. Besides that, the course is still a little wet."

Haynie did not get under par until her second nine holes. But then she caught fire, with three birdies before carding an eagle on her last hole by sinking a 150-yard five-iron shot.

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SPORTS

Queen Elizabeth backs down over crippled trainer

LONDON, May 19. (Reuters): Queen Elizabeth on Wednesday backed down from her decision to expel her crippled horse-racing trainer from the stables he had occupied since 1962.

Major Dick Hern, 68, has been in a wheelchair since suffering serious spinal injuries in a hunting fall in 1984. Last year he also underwent major heart surgery.

In an announcement in March which shook the racing world Hern was told he must quit the Queen's stables in West Hlsley in southern

England in favour of 41-year-old Willie Hastings-Bass in November.

But a statement from Buckingham Palace, made public on Wednesday, said he had accepted an offer from the Queen to share the stables next year with Hastings-Bass.

Hern turned down a previous offer to share after he was told he must leave West Hlsley. But now that he is, after all, prepared to share with Hastings-Bass, the Queen has changed her mind about asking him to leave.

The statement, giving details of the earlier

offer to share, said it was "originally made by the Queen with the knowledge of the officials of the jockey club in November 1988 after her majesty had reluctantly decided not to extend Major Hern's lease when it runs out in November this year."

"At the time however Major Hern felt unable to accept the terms."

The statement did not say what would happen after next year, but the change-of-heart gives Hern, royal trainer since 1967, breathing space to make other arrangements.

Berger stuns Wilander

Bruguera surprises Connors

ROME, May 19. (Reuters): Mats Wilander's wretched run this year continued when the former world number one was beaten in straight sets in the third round of the Italian Open tennis championships today.

The top-seeded Swede, due to start the defence of his French Open title later this month, was beaten 6-3 6-4 by unseeded American Jay Berger.

The 22-year-old Berger, who beat Wilander in Orlando last year, was a bundle of energy compared to the passive Swede and took a 5-1 lead in both sets before Wilander, playing with a new make of racket, began to put up a fight.

But Berger, who has also claimed Boris Becker's scalp this year — in the quarterfinals at Indian Wells in March — had little time to celebrate his victory.

Rain yesterday meant that several third-round matches had to be squeezed into this morning, with the quarterfinals following later in the day and Berger was preparing to meet Spaniard Jordi Arrese on the centre court in the evening.

Second seeded Andre Agassi, one of only three seeds to survive the third round, finished off Mexican Leonardo Lavalle 6-3 6-4 this morning after rain stopped play in mid-match yesterday.

He was later meeting Argentine Guillermo Perez-Roldan, a 6-1 6-7 6-3 victor over Jim Courier.

Wilander, who switched rackets a week ago, said he had concentration problems. "I was 40-0 up in the fourth game and then I

lost it. I thought about that point for a long time and couldn't concentrate."

But Wilander, who won three Grand Slam titles last year, seemed untroubled by his run of poor results since he lost the Australian Open title in January after problems with shin splints.

"It doesn't feel like a nightmare — it's not that I go around

thinking about it all the time," he said.

Yesterday, Jimmy Connors bowed out of the championships in the third round, beaten by a man half his age.

Spaniard Sergio Bruguera, who as a young child idolised Connors, thrashed the former world number one 6-1 6-1 in the best win of his short career to

reach the quarterfinals. Bruguera reached the semifinals today by beating Mark Kof Vermaas of Netherlands 6-2 6-4.

Fifth seeded Connors, at 36 only five years younger than Bruguera's father, seemed to be feeling his age after a tough three sets against Italian Massimo Cierro on Wednesday evening.

"I had problems getting moving," the former US Open, Wimbledon and Australian champion said. "I don't recover as well as I did before."

Bruguera, 18, lost to the American in three sets at the same stage of the West German Open last week.

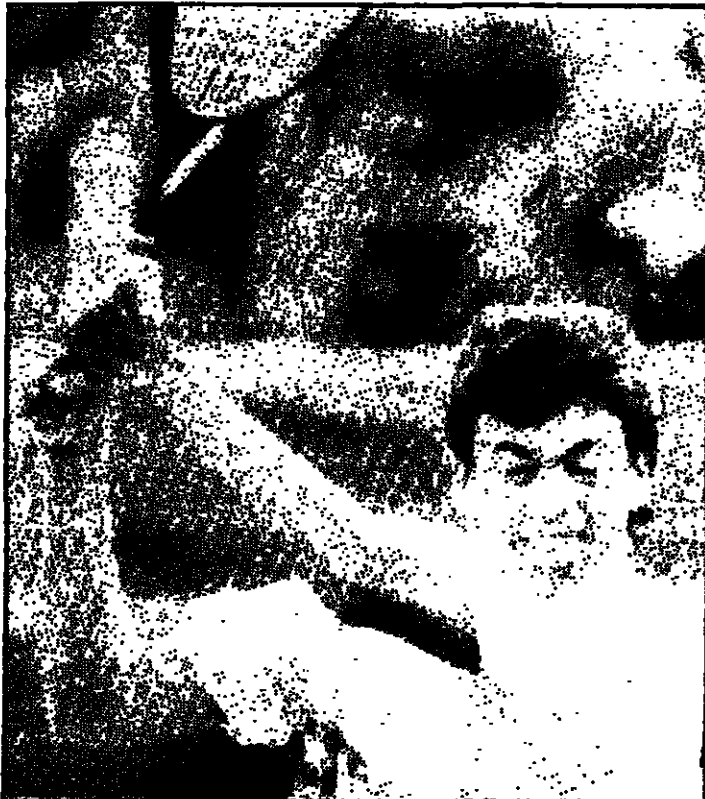
"My father advised me to play more on his forehand, to move him a bit and to attack whenever possible," he said.

The teenager, ranked 81st in the world, heeded his father's advice, making Connors run from the start as steady rain fell on the centre court at the Foro Italico.

Connors had his moments, fighting back to deuce from 15-40 down in the sixth game of the opening set. But he failed to worry the determined Bruguera who took advantage with a backhand volley and then finished off a long rally with a service break.

Results

2-Andre Agassi (US) beat Leonardo Lavalle (Mexico) 6-3 6-4; 8-Guillermo Perez-Roldan (Argentina) beat Jim Courier (US) 6-1 6-7 (3-7) 6-3; 11-Alberto Mancini (Argentina) beat 6-Emilio Sanchez (Spain) walkover; Jay Berger (US) beat 1-Mats Wilander (Sweden) 6-3 6-4; Sergio Bruguera, (Spain) beat Mark Koevvermans (Netherlands) 6-2 6-4; 2-Andre Agassi (US) beat 8-Guillermo Perez-Roldan (Argentina) 6-3 6-1.



Bruguera returns the ball to Connors. (Reuters wirephoto)

Former United stars aiming for the top

LONDON, May 19. (Reuters): Two former Manchester United stars will be in opposition when the play-offs for a place in the English First Division get under way on Sunday.

Lou Macari's Swindon entertain Crystal Palace, managed by Macari's former United teammate Steve Coppell, in the first game of a two-leg semifinal. Blackburn Rovers and Watford are the other teams in the play-offs for the sides finishing between third and sixth in the Second Division.

Macari and Coppell were part of the United team which won the FA Cup in 1977 and both have enjoyed success.

Macari has led Swindon from the Fourth Division and hopes to guide them into the First Division for the first time in their history.

Coppell took over at Palace in 1984 after injury cut short his career and the south London club have developed into one of the top sides in the Second Division over the past few seasons.

Austria seek to beat E. Germany

EAST BERLIN, May 19. (Reuters): Austria, with two points from two World Cup qualifiers, will be looking to make the most of bottom-placed East Germany's poor form when they meet in a European Group Three tie in Leipzig tomorrow.

East Germany, at a low point in their modest soccer history, have lost the last three of their four World Cup encounters and secured only one win — against lowly Iceland.

These scrappy performances, including an injury-hit 3-0 defeat against the Soviet Union last month, all but snuffed out East Germany's chance of reaching the 1990 finals in Italy.

But national trainer Manfred Zapf, with most first-choice players available again for the Leipzig game, is hoping for an all-or-nothing showing to

restore faith in his leadership.

He is likely to deploy Magdeburg libero Dirk Stahmann along with a four-man defence that should include Ralf Hauptmann and Andreas Trautmann.

Zapf will probably use Dynamo Dresden's busy Matthias Sammer in midfield and slot in teammate Ulf Kirsten up front with the equally high-scoring Andreas Thom of Dynamo Berlin.

"The atmosphere in the team is obviously not euphoric after the recent defeats. But it is not entirely disconsolate either," Zapf said.

But Austria's manager Josef Hickersberger still believes East Germany are vulnerable to his team, who have played more convincingly despite also losing their last three friendlies.

E. Germans bemused by Evans' style

EAST BERLIN, May 19. (Reuters): East German swimming experts, who have produced many Olympic stars with an orthodox approach to style, have been analysing with bewilderment American Janet Evans' thrashing but winning freestyle technique.

But there are no plans to urge East Germans like six-times Olympic champion Kristin Otto to adopt the hectic style.

"According to theory, Janet Evans does just about everything wrong that it is possible to do in the water," said Professor Helga Pfeifer, an adviser to the East German national squad for 30 years.

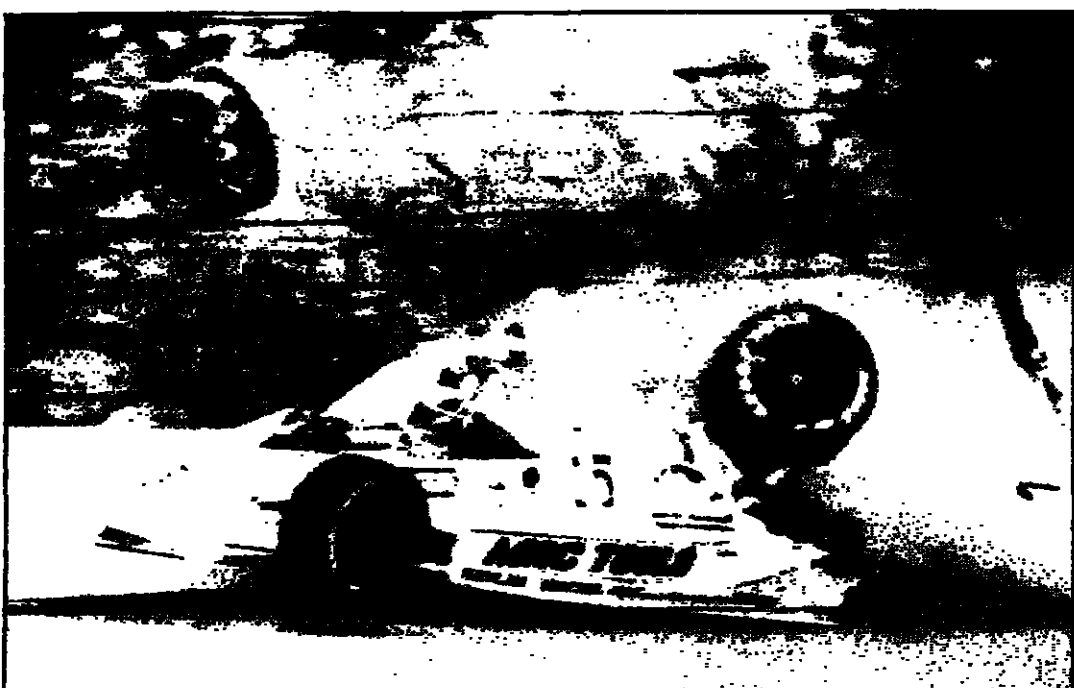
But despite wiggling body movements and frantic arm rotations that sap strength, the 17-year-old Californian snatched three golds at the Seoul Olympics.

Pfeifer told the Deutsches Sportecho newspaper since Seoul trainers and scientists had closely studied Evans' approach and come to the conclusion she was an exception and that there was no need to revamp East German methods.

She said swimming methods were constantly changing within permitted limits and new techniques could emerge in butterfly and backstroke.

Crawford slams car into wall

Injured Sullivan ready to race in Indy 500



Crawford's car hits the wall, losing three of its wheels. (Reuters wirephoto)

INDIANAPOLIS, May 19. (UPI): Danny Sullivan declared himself ready to drive and Jim Crawford slammed his car into the wall yesterday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Sullivan took eight laps in his backup Penske-Chevrolet in practice for the 73rd Indy 500, reaching 213.118 mph (342.979 kph) with little discomfort to his broken right forearm.

Crawford, who last Sunday qualified on the inside of the second row in his 1987 Lola-Buick, crashed his qualified car in the third turn, leaving its status uncertain for the May 28 race. Crawford was not injured.

Sullivan drove early in the practice session in the backup car assigned to teammate Rick Mears, reaching 209.986 mph (337.939 kph). Sullivan later drove his own car to 213.118 mph (342.979 kph), easily manoeuvring around slower cars on the 2.1/2-mile (4 km) oval.

"I'm still not 100 per cent comfortable. We've got to change something in the seat," said Sullivan, the 1985 Indy 500 champion. "I'm pretty happy to be able to come back and drive that speed right off the bat."

Sullivan crashed during a practice run last Thursday, taking his primary car out of contention and delaying his chance to make this year's race.

Crawford hit the outside wall in the third turn after his rear left suspension gave out, leaving him unable to steer the car. Crawford remained in his car for a few minutes after the crash, then got out under his own power. He was taken to Methodist Hospital, but was released in good condition.

"I feel good. Methodist Hospital hasn't changed a bit," joked Crawford, who was sent there in 1987 after a qualification crash that left both his feet and ankles broken. "I went head first. That's much better."

The car, which suffered severe right side damage, will need extensive repairs before it can run in the May 28 race.



Graf (left) and Sabatini wear a happy look after winning their doubles match at the West Germany women's tennis tournament. The top pair crushed Cecilia Dahlmann and Wiltrud Probst 7-6, 6-2 on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Graf shrugs off cold with easy victory

WEST BERLIN, May 19. (Reuters): World number one Steffi Graf shrugged off the effects of a nagging cold to cruise into the semifinals of the West German Women's Tennis Championships today.

Less than 10 days before she bids for a second Grand Slam title of the year at the French Open, Graf left Italian Sandra Cecchini totally baffled by a 6-2 6-0 quarterfinal defeat in just 54 minutes.

"I'll have to wait until she is having a bad day before I can beat her," said the Italian, ranked 22nd in the world.

"She moves so quickly you just don't have time to think where you can put the ball. If you do she kills you."

Graf, who has been suffering from a cold for two or three days, has been beaten only once since she won the Australian Open in January. She lost to Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini at the WITA championships in Amelia Island, Florida, last month.

The two are seeded to meet in the final here. The Argentine world number three beat West Germany's Sylvia Hanika in the quarterfinals 6-7 6-0 later in the evening.

In another quarterfinal Isabel Cueto of West Germany beat Regina Rajchrtova of Czechoslovakia 3-6 7-6 (7-6) 6-2.

Yesterday Sabatini had trouble finding her concentration against a highly motivated opponent and needed 1 hour and 43 minutes to defeat the ninth-seeded Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Smid must qualify for French tourney

PARIS, May 19. (Reuters): Veteran Czechoslovak Davis Cup player Tomas Smid will have to qualify for the French Open tennis championships starting on May 29.

Smid, who recently slipped out of the world's top 100 after 12 years in which he was mainly in the first 30, was named as one of 128 players aiming to take one of the 16 places reserved for qualifiers in the main draw.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Romania win

BUCHAREST, May 19. (Reuters): Gheorghe Popescu, the only non-Bucharest player in the team, gave Romania a 1-0 victory over Bulgaria on Wednesday in their World Cup soccer qualifying game.

Ruud Gullit

MILAN, Italy, May 19. (Reuters): Dutch striker Ruud Gullit trained for only 20 painful minutes on Wednesday increasing fears that he may lose the battle to get fit for AC Milan's European Cup final in a week's time.

Danes triumph

COPENHAGEN, May 19. (Reuters): Denmark scored five second-half goals for a 7-1 win over Greece that reflected their superiority in a World Cup European Group One soccer qualifier here on Wednesday.

De Leon wins

LONDON, May 19. (Reuters): Carlos de Leon of Puerto Rico won the World Boxing Council cruiserweight title for a record fourth time when he stopped Britain's Sammy Beeson in the ninth round of their scheduled 12-round fight at the London Arena on Wednesday.

Big pay-out

LONDON, May 19. (Reuters): A firm of bookmakers faces paying out £1 million (\$1.62 million) if Liverpool win the English League soccer title and tomorrow's FA Cup final with Everton. Liverpool have been backed with the William Hill company at prices from 33-1 to 5-4 on to achieve the double.

Drug policy

WASHINGTON, May 19. (AP): US government drug policy co-ordinator William J. Bennett met with commissioners and player representatives of several professional sports Wednesday to exchange ideas on ways to improve anti-drug standards for the country as well as pro athletes.

Arena football

PITTSBURGH, May 19. (AP): Arena Football League founder and commissioner Jim Foster says indoor football will be back this summer. Arena football will return to the Civic Arena on July 14 when the Pittsburgh Gladiators face Denver.

Live contender

YORK, England, May 19. (Reuters): The Aga Khan, who has won the English Derby twice in the last three years, lined up another live contender on Wednesday. Torjoun, ridden by Ray Cochrane, made all the running to capture the Dante Stakes and earn an 8-1 quote for next month's Epsom Classic.

League clubs

LONDON, May 19. (Reuters): Four English League Clubs were charged by the Football Association (FA) yesterday with failing to control the behaviour of fans following violence during weekend matches.

The clubs are Crystal Palace and Birmingham, whose Second Division match at Palace's south London ground was interrupted for 26 minutes after a pitch invasion, and Third Division pair Bristol City and Sheffield United, whose game at Bristol was also held up.

Le Mans

PARIS, May 19. (Reuters): The Le Mans 24-hour sports car race has lost its world championship status after the failure of last-ditch talks to resolve a dispute over television rights.

Injury problems

LONDON, May 19. (Reuters): England soccer manager Bobby Robson has drafted Wimbledon winger Dennis Wise and striker John Fashanu into his squad to solve injury problems ahead of the Rous Cup competition against Chile and Scotland.

Racing stables

LONDON, May 19. (Reuters): Former British champion jump jockey and trainer Fred Winter has sold his racing stables to his ex-assistant Charlie Brooks.

Ryder Cup

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla., May 19. (Reuters): The 1991 Ryder Cup matches have been switched to South Carolina in response to rekindled interest in the event, the Professional Golfers' Association of America announced yesterday.

Cup qualifier

OSLO, May 19. (Reuters): Norway should move above France, who reached the last four of the 1982 and 1986 finals, by beating Cyprus in a World Cup European Group Five qualifying match here on Sunday.

Heysel trial

BRUSSELS, May 19. (Reuters): Belgium will reopen the trials of 14 convicted British soccer fans and of two senior European officials who were acquitted over the Heysel stadium disaster in which 39 people died, the public prosecutor's office said yesterday.

Chess semifinals

LUCERNE, Switzerland, May 19. (UPI): The World Chess Championship semifinals will be held at the Salders Wells Theatre in London beginning the first week of October, the World Chess Federation said yesterday.

Benjamin sends Derby crashing

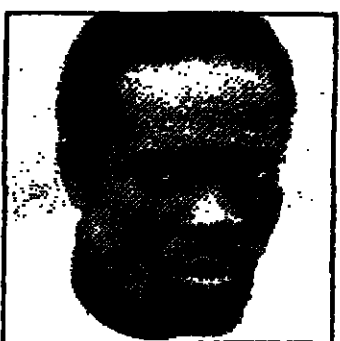
LONDON, May 19. (Reuters): West Indies fast bowler Winston Benjamin completed a career-best haul of six for 26 yesterday as his adopted county Leicestershire sent Derbyshire crashing to 57 all out, the lowest English County Cricket Championship score on the season.

Benjamin, having captured four of his wickets when Derbyshire slumped to 31 for six overnight, shared the remaining four on the second morning at Chesterfield with new-ball partner Jon Agnew, who ended with four for 31.

Derbyshire, whose collapse on a blameless pitch left them 217 behind on first innings, suffered a further setback at the hands of Benjamin when they followed on.

The Antiguan paceman held a return catch to send back opener and captain Kin Barnett for 16, and Derbyshire were in danger of losing in two days when they slipped to 60 for three.

However, John Morris held up Leicestershire with an unbeaten 63, hitting 10 fours in completing his half century off 85 balls, as Derbyshire reached 177 for six at the close.



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Warwickshire's South African fast bowler Allan Donald gave Lancashire a torrid time as he took four for 23 to send the home county tumbling to 133 all out in their second innings at Old Trafford.

Uncapped batsmen Andy Bayhurst and Nick Speak went to hospital for X-rays after being struck on the hand by deliveries from Donald.

The pair joined another Lancashire casualty, Pakistani paceman Wasim Akram, who was nursing a gashed chin that needed 15 stitches after being hit by a delivery from Donald on Wednesday.

Donald's damage left Warwickshire to score 237 to win on a wearing pitch, and they were one without loss at the close of the second day.

Middlesex' West Indian-born paceman Neil Williams hit a career-best 69 not out to spur his side to a first innings lead of 73 over Hampshire at Lord's.

Williams and Angus Fraser shared a ninth-wicket stand of 87 in 26 overs to lift Middlesex to 290 all out. Hampshire were 123 for four — 50 ahead — at the close.

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